A GENEALOGY
of the
COLES
and
Allied Families

BY

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Preface

Prompted by a desire to save from oblivion the names and history of the Cole ancestors and descendants, and by an urgent request from many of the Coles and allied families to write the genealogy of the John Cole branch.

To accomplish this work has been a long and difficult task, requiring time and much labor, both of which have been ungrudgingly and unsparingly given.

I have found it in many cases a difficult task to trace distinctly the correct line from ancestor to descendant. That some confusion should arise in tracing a line to its source is not unusual; some errors and many omissions may be found in its pages, owing to incomplete records and other causes, the chief one of which was lack of co-operation on the part of those who may have been indifferent to what seemingly appeared of little value or importance.

A compiler of work of this kind needs the minutest items. Little things are not little when they become the vital links of connection which may be the key to enlightenment leading to the early lives of the English ancestors. There is always a possibility that dates are wrong. Before the days of newspapers in a new settlement, the county and family records were almost the only means by which the dates of important occurrences were preserved.

By careful collection of unpublished biographies, auto-biographies, family Bibles, old letters of long ago, inscriptions on tombstones, and memorandums, I have been able to gather reliable records of our kinsmen who lived and passed away centuries ago.

A great many letters have been written, many visits have been made in different parts of the States, and many incidents recorded on these pages that I have gleaned from memory's field. I have found that the name of a place from which a person came has proved to be an important factor in tracing members of the family.

In tracing family records, we can have but two sources of knowledge: record, and tradition uncontradicted that has been handed down from father to son for successive generations.

If more space has been given to some families than to others, it is not because the family is of less consequence, but is due to lack of information from those who have been negligent in replying to letters pertaining to the desired record of the family, so that I have had to depend on information that has come casually to my knowledge.

I am deeply indebted to Horace Fox and Mrs. Wetsel, of Spokane, Washington, who have placed at my disposal thirty letters and deeds of land patented by the son of Benjamin[1] in 1846, 1847, and 1848; also, an original handwritten power of attorney signed by Benjamin[2] and Charlotte Cole, his wife, in 1851.

These letters, together with others from Herbert Cole, have given me valuable information for which I had made what seemed an exhaustive search. Without them, it would have been impossible to trace in an unbroken line the record of the family of Benjamin[2]. The papers and letters mentioned in the foregoing lines were collected and preserved by Polly (Cole) Fox, mother of Horace and Oscar Fox.

I herewith tender acknowledgement and grateful thanks to the Fox families:

Mrs. Sarah (Cole) Hinton, Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Ada (Cole) Cole, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Ada (Cole) Hewitt, Pulaski, N. Y.

Mrs. Alfred Booth, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Short, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. C. (Cole) Johnson, Richland, Iowa.

Miss Ada Losee, Omro, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Condit, Spring Valley, Wis.

Mrs. Mattie Keyser, Spring Valley, Wis.

Mrs. S. Cole, Spring Valley, Wis.

Mrs. Ella Bennett, Milwaukee, Wis.

Arthur Fox, Stettler, Canada.

To these friends and others I owe sincere thanks.

In compiling the genealogy of the Cole and kindred families, I hope to place in the hands of the present generation and generations yet unborn, a history of ancestors and descendants that will perpetuate a memory of the dead and the living, and stimulate a love for the surviving kinsmen.

I earnestly desire that the genealogy of the present families shall be carried on, and added to by the generations to follow.

This work, with its imperfections, I present as a token of my interest in the dead and living kinsmen, and I deeply regret that an abler pen than mine has not chronicled the history of our kinsmen.

Mrs. Eva Grace Fraser Briggs, 1928.

Origin

The origin of the name Cole was derived from Coel, the founder of Coelchester, a Roman colony in Essex County. Well authenticated tradition affirms that the forefathers of our line were natives of that section of South England in the 17th century.

John Cole[1] was born in Essex County and takes his name and ancestry from a long line of ancient and honorable ancesters. We have every reason to believe that he is the progenitor of the Coles of whom I write.

The Cole families are to be found not only in England, but also in Canada and America. They are listed in the annals of America as being among the earliest immigrants to seek homes in the New World. They took part in the colonizing of New York in the early years of the nation, and aided in securing its perpetuity and development. They earned an indisputable title to the heritage of American citizenship by service which decided the right of the people of the New World to exist as a nation.

As a race, they have proved themselves fearless, reliable, and loyal citizens. They have served in every war from the Revolutionary War to the World War of 1917.

They number among their ranks many prominent divines, lawyers, judges, and physicians. The Coles are to be found in honorable and established positions in the different professions of life; and, last, but not least, there are the farmers—the backbone of the nation.

JOHN COLE AND HIS DESCENDANTS

The first of the English branch of Coles of which we have authentic knowledge is listed in volume one of the Abridged Compendium of the first families of America. This gives the year of his birth as 1636, and his death as 1700, and states that he married Abigail Andrews (or Anderson). Family tradition affirms that John Cole married Abigail and that the name was carried down by the descendants of John for four generations.

The forebears of John[1] were natives of Essex County, (later annexed to Wessex County), South England, and were descendants of ancestors who had held honorable and distinguished positions in the communities in which they lived, and who were of ample means.

John Cole[1] died ninety years prior to the first census of the Colonies in 1790.

John[1] had a son, John, who married and reared a large family before his father emigrated to the New World prior to the revolt of the American Colonies against the mother country.

John, son of John[1], had four sons, Sylvester, Walter, John, and Enos.

Sylvester Cole, son of John[2], married, but it is uncertain as to the place. It is believed to have been in Norfolk County, as tradition gives that county as the birthplace of his thirteen children and where they were educated. His sons were: Benjamin, Nathan, Malcia, Allen, Joseph, Elisha, and John. His daughters were: Abigail (namesake of her great-grandmother and grandmother Cole), Sabra, Sophia, Ruba, Fannie, Eunice, and Hope. Three sons of Sylvester came to the Colonies; the other children remained in England.

John, brother of Sylvester, had emigrated to the Colonies five or more years before the outbreak of the war in 1775. He settled in New York, and advised his brother Sylvester of the wonderful opportunities for obtaining free lands in the New World.

Benjamin, son of Sylvester, had the great desire from boyhood to be a landholder and owner of an extensive acreage of farming and timber lands. He was an educated man with excellent business qualifications, yet he preferred the life of an agriculturist. The land grant was an opening beyond his reach in England, and it appealed to him as being the open door for the fulfillment of his boyhood dreams.

In the early part of the 17th century, Benjamin, Joseph, and Nathan sailed from Great Yarmouth, Norfolk County, for the Colonies. They landed in New York. The uncle of the boys had arranged the time of sailing, place, county and state where they would go ashore. The year of their arrival is not definitely known, but that they came several years before

war was declared between England and the Colonies is certain, as Joseph and Nathan were soldiers in the War of the Revolution.

Benjamin, progenitor of the John Cole branch of Coles in the United States and Canada, settled in Dutchess County, New York, and obtained a desirable tract of land from the mother country. He immediately made clearings and erected a well-built and roomy log house in the midst of the wilderness.

The following spring he married Sabra Brown, a typical English girl, intelligent and refined, and of uncommon strength of character. She became the mother of eleven children, who loved and honored her. They were trained in habits of industry, economy, good morals, and contentment with the humble duties of life. In much of their home life they retained the traditions and customs of their homeland.

Wild animals and birds supplied their table with an abundance of meat. Bears, when the corn was ripening, visited the fields and were caught and killed. Deer were plentiful. Wild ducks and geese were found in the marsh lakes, turkeys, pigeons and squirrels in the forest, and fish in the streams.

The first crop from the clearing was corn. Holes were made among the stumps and a few kernels of corn were dropped in and covered. This grain was later of great service as edible food for the family.

Mrs. Cole was the great-great-great-grandmother of the writer of this record. She was a wonderful housewife. In the pioneer days of that period they had to depend on themselves for the necessities of the home and family. She would take the wool sheared from the sheep, card it by hand (using a wide brush with slanting wire teeth), comb, spin, dye, and weave it into cloth, from which garments were cut and made by hand for the family. The children were taught from early childhood to knit socks, stockings, mittens, gloves and garters for the girls, and suspenders for the men. Knitting was a winter evening playtime for the children.

Mrs. Cole's sheets, blankets, and coverlets were of her weaving. The coverlets were of various patterns and colors that today are counted as priceless heirlooms.

The children attended the rural school and received the usual education that the pioneers were able to give them.

Benjamin had prospered with the passing years, and the desire of his boyhood days had been achieved. The family were zealous Methodists, rigidly keeping the Sabbath, and living honest, upright, God-loving, and God-fearing lives.

The descendants of Benjamin and Sabra found their professions in life and all maintained honorable positions, and were reasonably prosperous.

Nathan, brother of Benjamin[1], is listed in the roster of men from Dutchess County, N. Y., who served in the Revolutionary War. It is the only authentic knowledge I have of him.

Joseph, brother of Nathan, also served in the war. I have an abstract of his Revolutionary record, which is given below:

JOSEPH COLE

Cert. No. 42679, for 17s, dated July 1, 1780, issued to Joseph Cole for services as Sergeant in Capt. Joel Mead's company of Col. Henry Luddington's regiment of Dutchess County Militia (Fredericksburg precinct.)

Joseph Cole appears on a roll of the 6th regiment of Dutchess County Militia under Colonels Morris Graham and Roswell Hopkins:

"New York in the Revolution as Colony and State, V. 1, p. 145."

The genealogical record I received from the New York State Library, and is found in P. H. Smith's "History of Dutchess County," p. 497, as follows:

"Joseph Cole m. Hannah Smalley in Fredrickstown, Dutchess Co., N. Y."

Children of Joseph Cole: Jothan, Elisha, Joseph, Daniel, Nathan, Ebenezer, John, Eunice, Hannah, Priscilla, and Mercy.

Elisha married Charity Hazen. Children: Ruben, Obidiah, Daniel, David, Elisha, John, Joshua, Elizabeth, Hannah.

Joseph married Hannah Berry. Children: Berry, Joseph, Samuel, Nathan, Ashel, Levi, Ramah, Anna, Susannah, Ruth, and Cynthia.

Daniel married Susannah Ogden. Children: John, Daniel, Jesse, Elisha, Margaret, Sally, Viola, and Hannah.

The greater part of the information concerning the ancestors of Benjamin Cole I learned from my grandmother, who was Benjamin's granddaughter. I lived the first five years of my life with my mother's parents, and until my fourteenth year I was a frequent visitor.

Grandmother possessed a memory so tenacious that rarely, if ever, did she lose or forget any material part of the history of her father's ancestors, and through her I came to know events in the lives of our English colonist kinsmen. "Grandpa was a freeman," I had heard her say. A freeman, I have since learned, was one who was entitled to citizenship franchise or other peculiar privileges as a free man of a city or state. In olden times, the position of free man gave him the right to trade in the place in which he lived.

The children of Benjamin and Sabra Cole were all born in Dutchess County, N. Y.; dates of birth, with one exception, were not obtainable, and but three were married: Benjamin, Malcia, Prudence, Eunice, Elisha, Patience, Nathan, Sabra, Deliverance, Allen, Hope, and Abigail. Eunice married Mr. Meachum; Sabra married Mr. Drury, and Benjamin, born in 1773, married Charlotte White.

Benjamin (Benjamin^4, Sylvester^3, John^2, John^1), the son of Benjamin and Sabra (Brown) Cole, was born Tuesday, November 9, 1773, in Fredericks Township, Dutchess County, New York. He obtained only such education as the newly settled county afforded, but his retentive

memory and wide range of thought enabled him to repair the deficiencies of limited advantages.

At the age of twenty, he left home to make his way in the world. His liking for agricultural pursuits led him to make this a life occupation.

In 1793, he married Charlotte White, of Dutchess County, New York. She was born in England November 12, 1773, and was the daughter of an English colonist. Mr. Cole and his wife left immediately after the ceremony for Watertown, New York, where they lived while he looked about for a good piece of land to homestead or buy.

In October, 1793, he homesteaded a tract of desirable land in Jefferson County, ten miles from Watertown and two and a half miles from Pamilia 4 Corners.

Watertown was the nearest point where household supplies and farm implements could be purchased. It was necessary to travel by team, and a road had to be cut for a mile through the heavily timbered forest to the site selected by Mr. Cole for his home. A space was cleared for the cabin and necessary farm buildings. The road was cut through, and a shack was erected for Mr. Cole and his helpers. He returned to Watertown the first of December and remained until late in the month.

The cabin was completed and made habitable for Mrs. Cole and their son, who was born December 9, 1795. Owing to the illness of baby Horace in April, the homecoming was delayed until late in May, 1796. May, 1927, marked the one hundred and thirty-seventh anniversary of the beginning of their life in the wilderness home. Two sons, Nathaniel and Dorastus, and a daughter, Cynthia, were born in the cabin.

During the winter of 1801, Mr. Cole built a two-story house of logs. I have heard my grandmother say that it was the "best and largest farm-house in the township." They moved in the spring of 1802. On June 20 a son, Benjamin, was born; he died in August, and was buried on the farm.

Gradually small settlements sprung up in the surrounding country. A school was established in the Cole district, in which fourteen of Benjamin's children obtained their education. In a few years the once pathless wilderness had given way to well-tilled fields.

Mr. Cole's clearings had been enlarged and the value of the crops and livestock had increased. He was counted as one of the successful farmers of the county. He was a man of excellent judgment and industry—"Habits," he was wont to say, "inherited from a long line of worthy ancestors."

In May, 1805, Mr. Cole went to Watertown with a load of grain. Five miles out he met a party of Indians who had gone to his house in 1802, when he was away, and ordered Mrs. Cole to prepare dinner for them. After they had eaten, she told them that Mr. Cole would be home soon and they had better leave—"If he finds you here, he will make it warm for you."

He halted his team. "You are the same tribe that went to my place three years ago," he said. "You redskins keep away from there." "No, no, go to camp over there," pointing in the direction of their camp. When

he reached the mill, he related his meeting with the Indians and of their going to his house in 1802 when he was away. He also said that he had warned them to keep away from his place. "You can't trust the varmints. Mrs. Cole is alone with our four children. I want to get back as soon as possible. Can you get my grist out in a hurry?" "It will be ready and loaded on the wagon in an hour's time, Cole," was the answer.

Mr. Cole reached home ten o'clock that night and was told of the Indians coming to the house and saying that Mr. Cole sent them and that his squaw would feed them. "They took the baby when they left. One of the squaws picked her up and wrapped her in her blanket." "Me take papoose—come back three days." "Mahala was not afraid of them, and when I tried to get her, she giggled and buried her face in the squaw's blanket."

"I was afraid they would make for our place. Don't worry, they won't harm her. I know where they are camped. I'll start at daylight and take a short cut through the woods. I'll get there before they break camp." He found Mahala in the only wigwam standing. She was sitting on a blanket, surrounded by a bevy of squaws and having a joyful time beating an Indian drum.

Mr. Cole stepped inside and waited a full minute before speaking. The squaws started to leave the tent and he after them, laying the oxgad with no light hand about the shoulders of the fleeing squaws until they were beyond his reach. He returned to the wigwam, picked up Mahala, and carried her home. The braves had left the encampment before Mr. Cole arrived, and neither they nor the squaws were ever seen again in that part of the country.

Mrs. Cole was a woman of splendid health, great courage and sense, and exercised no little influence in developing the character of her children. She was always calm, and cheerful, and never appeared tired. She became familiar with all kinds of work incident to pioneer life of the early times—carding, spinning, and weaving the wool, which was dyed with a liquid made from the bark of trees and roots of the indigo and wildwood plants of the forest.

She wove bed blankets and counterpanes, and the cloth that was made into garments for the family. Soap and candles were made at home, saleratus from lye drained from the ashes of burnt corn cobs, starch from potatoes, maple sugar and syrup from the sugar maple trees, and soft maple sap boiled down furnished black ink; thus practically supplying all of the necessities for home use, and clothing for the family.

Mrs. Cole was devoted to her children, yet exacted prompt obedience from them. They were taught from childhood to assist in the work about the house and farm. Home and habits were plain. They were models of fine breeding, quick at repartee, and a merry, fun-loving family.

The older children had married and were settled in homes of their own, when Mr. Cole, with his wife and three younger children, went to Canada in 1834 or 1835 and settled at Norwich, London District, Upper

Canada. Three of his sons and their families followed a year later, and located in the same District and Province.

His son Ira had moved to Wisconsin Territory in 1846. Through letters from this son, he became interested and thought seriously of coming to the Territory, although advised that it would be a repetition of his pioneer days. "And you are no longer in the prime of life," his sons said. "I farmed for my father ten years, and fifty-one years for myself, and I am good for ten years more. There is something in the leveling of the giants of the forest that I find hard to resist."

In 1846 Mr. and Mrs. Cole came to Wisconsin Territory. They lived at Rubicon (postoffice, Washington County, Wisconsin Territory), until Mr. Cole had looked over the county for land that could be patented to him by the United States. On May 25, 1923, the writer received the following copies of land entered by Benjamin Cole in Herman and Hubbard Townships, Dodge County, Wisconsin Territory and State.

Town of Hubbard

The E. ½ of North East ¼ of Section 36, Town 11, Range 16, entered by Benjamin Cole, Sept. 22, 1847, and patented to him by the U. S., August 1st, 1849.

The South East ¼ of Section 25, Town 11, Range 16, entered by same party, same date and same patent.

The South East ¼ of South West ¼ of Section 1, Town 11, Range 16, entered by same party, same date and same patent.

Town of Herman

The South ½ of South West ¼ Section 29, and the South East ¼ of the South East ¼ of Section 30, Town 11, Range 17, entered by Benjamin Cole, August 27th, 1846, patented by the U. S. Oct. 1st, 1849.

The South West ¼ of South West ¼ of Section 31, Town 11, Range 17, entered by Benjamin Cole Jan. 18th, 1847, patented to him Sept. 1st, 1848. (The village of Woodland is situated on this forty.)

Town of Hubbard

The North ½ of North West ¼ Section 3, Town 11, Range 16, entered by Benjamin Cole, Sept. 20th, 1847.

The North ½ of North East Section 23, Town 11, Range 16, entered by Benjamin Cole Sept. 22nd, 1847.

Mr. Cole paid ten shillings an acre for the land. In 1846-47 he built a log house on the site retained for his homestead in Herman Township, Dodge County, Wisconsin Territory. He gave to five of his sons one hundred and twenty acres of land each, and to his daughters and their husbands forty acres each. He also gave land for a school site and a cemetery. They were called the "Cole School" and the "Cole Cemetery" and have retained the name to the present time (1928).

Following is a copy of the deed, and description of the land donated:

"Benjamin Cole, and Charlotte Cole, his wife, of the town of Hubbard, County of Dodge, and Territory of Wisconsin

— to —

J. R. Merrill, Horace Cole, and George Fox, trustees and their successors in office in School District No. 7 in Town and County aforesaid, warranty deed, dated March 14, 1848, recorded October 16, 1854, in Volume V., pages 226 and 227.

Beginning at the South East corner of Section 30, in Town 11, Range 17 East, running North along the East line of said Section, 3 chains Westerly, 3 chains South, 3 chains to the South section line, thence Easterly 3 chains to the place of beginning, containing 144/160 of an acre for the purpose hereinafter mentioned: viz., for School Site and Burying Ground."

(Received from Dodge County Title and Abstract Co., July 26, 1927).

The raising of the first school house in Herman Township occurred in 1847 and was quite an event; every able-bodied man in the township was on hand to assist in the work.

Raising bees were jolly occasions in pioneer days. A picnic dinner was served by the ladies on the cemetery grounds. The logs and other material for the building, such as floors, benches, window and door casings, had been made ready for the raising during the summer months.

School opened in the fall of 1847. Obidiah Bissell was the first teacher. He was paid ten dollars a month, and boarded around at the homes of the scholars.

The building was used for other purposes; namely, church, Sunday Schools, prayer meetings, funerals, meetings of the school board, and spelling schools.

The greater part of Herman and Hubbard Townships was peopled by the sons and daughters of Benjamin Cole and their families, and was called the "Cole Settlement." The majority of the scholars were Coles. The only Coles, descendants of Benjamin, now living in the township are three great grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In 1848, Charlotte, their daughter, who had married Adam Keyser, and lived in New York, came to Wisconsin with her husband and children. They lived with her parents.

In 1851, Mr. Cole was ill for a week or more, although he kept about and would not admit that he was losing strength, and continued to perform his usual work around the farm. As a boy and a man he had always been in splendid health, and had great physical endurance which enabled him to stand hard and protracted labor.

He consulted a doctor and was advised to take a long rest if he wanted to prolong life. Mr. Cole may have had a premonition that he was seriously ill because on July 9, 1851, he appointed George Fox and Adam Keyser his attorneys. The following is copied from the original handwritten document—now in its seventy-sixth year. I have the original paper:

"Benja. Cole & wife
George Fox & A. Keyser

Power of Attorney

Recorded in the Register's Office of the County of Dodge, Wis., Sept. 19, 1851, at 1 o'clock P. M. in Miscellaneous Record on page 73.

"Know all by these presents that I, Benjamin Cole of the Town of Herman in Dodge County have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint George Fox and Adam Keyser both of the Town and County aforesaid my true and lawful attorneys for me and in my name place and stead to use my name in satisfying all mortgages and in transacting all the business in the settlement of my accounts notes and mortgages of whatsoever name or nature.

"Giving and granting unto my said attorneys, or either of them, full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present with full power of substitution and revocation hereby satisfying and confirming all that my said attorneys or their substitutes shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

"In witness whereof I hereunto set my hands and seals this 9th day of July A. D. 1851.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of	Benjamin Cole
John R. Merrill	Charlotte Cole
Wm. W. Keyser	

State of Wisconsin }
Dodge County } ss

On the 9th of July A. D. 1851 Personally appeared before me the above named Benjamin Cole and Charlotte Cole, his wife, and severally acknowledged the foregoing instrument by them signed and sealed to be their free act and deed.

John R. Merrill, Justice of the Peace."

Mr. Cole died July 6, 1852, of diabetes. He had the comfort at the passing of having by his bedside his wife, seven sons, and three daughters, with their wives and husbands. A short service was held at the home, and a second conducted at the Cole Schoolhouse, which were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. He was the first to be buried in the Cole Cemetery.

Mr. Cole was called at the age of seventy-nine years, eight months and four days.

Mr. Cole's council was frequently sought, and they who knew him and his business methods, trusted him implicitly and asked nothing more than his word—it was as good as a bond.

He was keenly interested in the welfare of the community and en-

joyed the friendship of the people in all walks of life. One of his pleasures was in contributing to the comforts and happiness of others. He was wont to say, "In helping others I am helping Himself." He had conceived important plans for the betterment of residents in his locality, which his early death prevented him from executing. He sought no publicity, and carried to the last the love and esteem of his fellowmen.

The life of Benjamin Cole may not in any way have been noteworthy for brilliant achievements but it is the record of a man whose name has never been coupled with anything disreputable. A man honest and square in all his dealings, there never was a stain on his reputation—no higher eulogy could be given.

His wife, his faithful companion for fifty-nine years, died December 4, 1854, at the age of eighty-one years and twenty days.

Mrs. Cole was the second to be buried in the Cole Cemetery. Prayers were offered at the house, followed by services at the Cole Schoolhouse. It is said that sixty Coles were present at the funeral.

Mrs. Cole's life had been one of love and devotion for her family, and ever tender and thoughtful of others. She was dearly loved by her sons and daughters and their children, and was tenderly cared for during the years of her widowhood.

In 1928 there were seven grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Cole still living:

John Cole, son of Horace, born Feb. 9, 1837—age, 90.
William Cole, son of Willis, born 1840—age, 87.
Adah (Cole) Cole, daughter of Willis, born 1857—age 70.
Oscar, son of Polly (Cole) Fox, born 1851—age 77.
Horace, son of Polly (Cole) Fox, born 1858—age, 73.
Sarah, (Cole) Hinton, daughter of Jarius R. Cole, born 1853—age, 73.
Judson, son of Jarius R. Cole, born 1858—age, 67.
Children of Benjamin and Charlotte (White) Cole:

1. Horace	6. Mahala	11. Sylvester
2. Nathaniel	7. Ira	12. Betsy
3. Cynthia	8. Benjamin Adam	13. Jarius R.
4. Dorastus	9 Charlotte	14. John
5. Benjamin (first)	10. Willis	15. Polly

I. Horace, (Benjamin[5], Benjamin [4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born at Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, Wednesday, December 9, 1795. He obtained his education at the District School in the Cole District near Pamilia 4 Corners. In 1821, he married Agnes Stewart, born in 1800 in New York; her parents were born in Scotland.

Horace engaged in farming in Jefferson County until 1836. He then moved to Canada and settled near his parents at Norwich, following farming as an occupation until 1847, when he and his family, except the daughters, came to Wisconsin (at that time a territory) and settled on one hundred and twenty acres of land in Herman Township. It was heavily timbered as no part of his holding had been cleared. A log house was built, in which they lived for several years. Eventually a large and comfortable frame house was erected.

No man in the community had a wider circle of friends than Horace Cole. All who came within the charm of his friendship will long cherish and remember his cordial greeting and jolly good fellowship.

Mrs. Cole passed away in 1861 at the age of sixty-one years. Subsequently, Mr. Cole sold the homestead and visited for a time with a daughter at Woodland Village, Dodge County, Wisconsin. In 1867 he made his home permanently with his son, Nelson, who lived near Rubicon, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Cole had been in poor health for several years and rarely left the home. Her best attainments were in the home and with her family, where she won the highest honors.

Mr. Cole died December 19, 1880, at the age of eighty-five years. He was buried in the family lot in Cole Cemetery beside his wife, who had predeceased him fourteen years.

The family affiliated with the Methodist Church.

Children:

1.	Nelson	4.	William	7.	Cynthia	10.	Mercy
2.	Nancy	5.	Caroline	8.	John	11.	Jennie
3.	Benjamin	6.	Charlotte	9.	Marian		

1. Nelson, (Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born March 10, 1823, in Jefferson County, New York. He was fourteen when he moved to Canada with his parents. He had attended the schools in his former home at an early age and until he left New York. On September 23, 1846, he married Hannah Silkworth at Norwich, Canada. Nelson moved to Wisconsin in 1847 and settled on farm land adjoining his father's property in Herman Township. In 1866,

he sold his land and moved to Rubicon Township, where he lived until 1872. Later he went to Lebanon Township.

Hannah, his wife, died October 5, 1880, and Nelson died November 19, 1886. They are buried in Ashippun Township, in the Packer Street Cemetery.

Children:

1. Emma	4. Elizabeth	7. Carrie
2. Sanford	5. Darwin	8. Horace
3. Elsie	6. Duane	9. Lilly

1. Emma (Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born at the Herman Township homestead in 1849. She married Thomas Garrigan, December 24, 1867. They lived at Vesper Wood County, Wisconsin in 1884.

Later they went to Washington and located near Tacoma, where they lived two or more years. Mrs. Garrigan writes that they have been West three times in the last sixteen years and have visited all of the prominent cities in Oregon and Washington. "We were homesick to see our boys and returned to Minnesota. We are now living at Redby, Minnesota."

Mrs. Garrigan has passed her seventy-eighth year and Mr. Garrigan is nearing his eighty-fifth year.

Mrs. Garrigan has given the names of some of her children, but the dates and places of birth are not obtainable:

1—Sanford Nelson (Thomas[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).

2—Mae, married Mr. Bundy, a contractor and builder; address, 622 Virginia St., Kansas City, Mo.

3—Grace, married Mr. Snow, occupation, real estate; address, Puyallup, Wash.

4—George P., occupation, railroading; address, 4528 Bell St., Kansas City, Mo.

5—Paul, occupation, same as his brother George.

6—Edith, married name unknown; died 1926.

2. Sanford was born December 28, 1850, at the homestead in Herman Township. He was one of the early scholars who attended the Cole School. Sant was reared on a farm. His father was in moderate circumstances, but owing to the scarcity of help, he was put to work in early boyhood and he assumed his share of the light work about the farm.

On July 12, 1874, he married Nancy Jane Timmerson, who was born in Oswego, New York. In 1884 they moved to Pierce County, Wisconsin. During the haying harvest of 1923, Mr. Cole was seriously injured and never entirely regained his health. He fell while unloading hay and was caught by the fork and carried several feet.

I visited the Sanford Cole home in Spring Valley in 1926, and met Mrs. Cole for the first time. She is a capable, intelligent, and

interesting woman, and has been most helpful in tracing members of Cole families for this work.

Children:

1. Jessie Ray
2. Eunice May
3. Mattie Elmira
4. Carrie C., born April 19, 1894; deceased.

1. Jessie Ray (Sanford[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John [2], John[1]), was born December 13, 1875, in Ashippun Township, Dodge County, Wisconsin; married Mabel Parsons in July, 1902. She died February 1, 1907.

Children:

1. Clifford Wayne, (Jessie[9], Sanford[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born in Pierce County, Wisconsin, January 2, 1903. He married Anna Campbell in Canada; present place of residence, Parkenham, Ontario, Canada.

Child:

Graham Parsons (Clifford[10], Jessie[9], Sanford[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born March 10, 1925, at Parkenham, Canada.

2. Elmer LeRoy Cole was born in Pierce County, Wisconsin, March 19, 1905.

3. Esther was born in Pierce County, Wisconsin, Feb. 7, 1907.

2. Eunice May was born in Dodge County, Wisconsin, February 13, 1882; married Alvin Hanvelt in 1912.

Children:

1. Lloyd LeRoy was born in Pierce County, Wisconsin, April 13, 1908.

2. Lyle was born in Pierce County, Wisconsin, Apr. 21, 1920.

3. Mattie Elmira was born March 19, 1886, in Pierce County, Wisconsin; married Otto Grosnick in 1912. They have two children.

Children:

1. Eunice (Otto[9], Sanford[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born February 23, 1913.

2. Ione M., was born August 23, 191 .

3. Elsie, child of Nelson and Hannah Cole, was born January 22, 1854, at the Cole homestead near Woodland Village, Wisconsin. In 1878 or 1879 she married Edward Gault, of Neosho, Wisconsin. Mrs. Gault died July 12, 1897. She left five children:

1. Stewart (Edward[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).
2. Nancie, was born July 10, 1880; died, February 12, 1894.
3. Mabel
4. Edward
5. Maggie, who died in 1888 at the age of eight months.

Further information regarding the Gault family is not obtainable.

4. Elizabeth was born on the Herman Township farm in 1856 or 1857. She married Gilbert Laurence, of Neosho. Eventually they moved to Pierce County, Wisconsin, and settled near Spring Valley, where she died in 1885 of abscess of the brain. Interment was in Spring Lake Cemetery, Pierce County, Wisconsin. She was survived by her husband, a son and a daughter.

1. Darwin (Gilbert[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]). He died of typhoid fever at the age of eighteen.

2. Maud, married Mr. Post. The only obtainable information regarding Mrs. Post is that she is living in Iowa, and is the mother of eight children and has one grandson.

5-6. Darwin and Duane, twin sons of Nelson and Hannah Cole, were born January 29, 1860, at the Cole homestead. Duane died in infancy and was buried in the Cole cemetery.

5. Darwin John married Ella Fleming in 1882. Five years later he moved to Montrose, Missouri.

Children:

1. Nelson W., born in Dodge County, Wisconsin.
2. Julia F., born in Dodge County, Wisconsin.
3. Maurice, born in Dodge County, Wisconsin.
4. Carrie M., born in Montrose, Missouri.
5. Robert L., born in Montrose, Missouri.
6. George C., born in Montrose, Missouri.
7. Ray H., born in Montrose, Missouri.
8. Basil E., born in Montrose, Missouri.

1. Nelson W. (Darwin[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born September 13, 1883; married Cathryne Meyers in 1904. Mr. Cole has been employed by the government postal department for twenty-three years. He is looking forward to the pension age in 1948, when he will have reached his forty-fifth year in their employ and can retire at the age of sixty-five years. He is a graduate of the Montrose High School, and is a member of the Montrose Council of the Knights of Columbus, and is a District Deputy of the Order.

Children:

1. Marguerite
2. Stephen M.
3. Eunice C.
4. Martha R.
5. Esther J.
6. Rila Kathleen

1. Marguerite Mary (Nelson[9], Darwin[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born September 27, 1908 in Montrose. She was a graduate of Montrose High School, class of 1924, and in the fall of 1926 entered the Mount St. Scholastica College at Atchison, Kansas. She was awarded first premium in a piano contest at the Missouri State Fair in 1925.

2. Stephen M., was born November 27, 1910, in Montrose.

3. Eunice R., was born December 30, 1913, in Montrose. They entered Montrose High School in 1926-27.

4. Martha R., was born December 30, 1914, in Montrose.

5. Esther J., was born August 1, 1919, in Montrose.

6. Rila Kathleen, was born in Montrose.

They will study at St. Mary's Parochial School in 1927.

2. Julia F., was born January 29, 1885, in Dodge County, Wisconsin; married Wm. F. Dugan in 1903. Mrs. Dugan died in 1906 at Montrose, Missouri, and was buried in the Cathloic Cemetery.

Child:

1. Miller (William[9], Darwin[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).

3. Maurice D., was born September 29, 1885, in Dodge County, Wisconsin; married Etta Brownberger in 1911. They live at Montrose, Missouri, where their five children were born. Maurice is a member of the Knights of Columbus. For several years he was cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and later he conducted a grocery business. At this time he is engaged in the farm produce business. He also served in the Civil Service Department for two years.

Children:

1. Loretta (Maurice[9], Darwin[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).

2. Cathrine 3. Maurice 4. Richard 5. Patricia

4. Carrie M., fourth child of Darwin, was born February 13, 1889, at Montrose, Missouri; married Louis Snabro in 1915. They had five children.

Children:

1. Robert (Louis[9], Darwin[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], John[2], John[1]).

2. Alice

Died in 1925 at the ages of seven and five years.

3. Margaret, and 4. Donald, are living with their mother four miles from Montrose on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, of which a large part has been brought under good cultivation.

5. Robert L., third son of Darwin, was born September 20, 1892, at Montrose, Missouri; married Ada Licher in 1917. He has been in the employ of the government postal department since 1920. Robert served in the World War, in the 35th Division, 60th Brigade, 130th Field Artillery Supply Company, and saw service in the Voges Sector and St. Mihiel Battle, Argonne, and Verdun. He was in service twenty-one months and four days.

Children:

1. James
2. Lorene
3. Harold
4. Viola
5. Marcellos

1. James, son of Robert (Robert[9], Darwin[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]). Birth date and place not given.

6. George C., fourth son of Darwin, was born December 31, 1895, at Montrose, Missouri. He is a graduate of the Holy Rosary Academy and the Benedictine College of Conception, Missouri. He served overseas in the World War as Sergeant in the Quartermaster Corps. In 1927 he was in the automobile business at Hutchison, Kansas. He married Pearl Wells in 1919.

Children:

1. Elnora (George[9], Darwin[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).

2. Dorothy 3. Reginia 4. George, Jr.

7. Raymond H., fifth son of Darwin, was born August 23, 1897, at Montrose, Missouri; married Marie Dehu in 1919. He served in the World War as Field Clerk.

Children:

1. Raymond (Raymond[9], Darwin[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).

2. William 3. George, deceased.

8. Basil E., sixth son of Darwin, was born October 27, 1903 at Montrose, Missouri; married Esther Atterberry. Present place of residence, Chicago, Illinois. He is an employee of the Santa Fe Railroad Company. They have two children, a son and a daughter, who are of the ninth generation.

7. Carrie C., seventh child of Nelson and Hannah Cole, was born May 18, 1862, at the Cole Settlement near Woodland, Wisconsin. She obtained her preliminary education at the Vedder School, which was a mile from her home. On May 20, 1879, at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, she married Adelbert John Baker, born December 14, 1854, at Neosho, Wisconsin, son of Denison and Eunice Baker. Mr. Baker died August 8, 1924, at Independence, Kansas. They lived at Neosho until 1887 or 1889, when they moved to Montrose, Missouri. Twenty-one years later they moved to Kansas and settled in Independence; their present place of residence is 517 No. 12. I knew Mrs. Baker in childhood, when living at Woodland as late as 1866. Our next meeting was in 1884 at my home in Wisconsin Rapids, and her stay, though short, was most enjoyable.

Children:

1. Elsie Sarah (Aldelbert[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born on May 6, 1880; died April 28, 1899.

2. Ruba Josephine was born on December 24, 1883; died April 26, 1917.

3. Adah Caroline was born on January 26, 1887; died September 2, 1917.

4. Eunice Hannah, was born August 6, 1890.

5. Denison Cole was born June 29, 1892.

The records show the place of birth to be Neosho, Wisconsin.

8. Horace Benjamin, fourth son of Nelson and Hannah Cole, was born March 28, 1865, at the homestead in Herman Township. In the spring of 1866, he moved with his parents to Rubicon Township. In 1872, the family removed to Lebanon, for which Neosho was the postoffice. Horace married Mamie Merrill in 1883. The last obtainable information from him is that he was living at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, or in that vicinity.

Children:

1. Guy E. (Horace[8], Nelson[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born in 1907.

2. Evelyn was born in 1909.

9. Lilly, daughter of Nelson and Hannah Cole, died in infancy.

2. Nancy Cole, born near Watertown, New York, in 1824, was twelve when she accompanied her parents to Canada in 1836, where she lived eleven years. She married David Barton, the son of Quaker parents. He was brought up in that faith and lived it until his marriage in 1844 or 1845. In 1848 they came to Wisconsin and settled in Herman Township, where Mr. Barton was one of the pioneer farmers. His wife died July 4, 1863, at the age of thirty-eight years, seven months, and eight days, and was buried in Cole Cemetery.

Religion: Methodist.

Epitaph

Servant of God, well done,
Thy glorious warfare past,
The battle fought, the victory won,
And thou art crowned at last.

Children:

1. Horace (David[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born at Woodland, Wisconsin. He married in Michigan.

Children:

1. Elgin 2. Ellen 3. Mary

Were all born in the vicinity of Woodland. They all married Michigan people. We are unable to find further record of the family.

3. Benjamin was born in 1825, in New York; died and buried in Canada. Date of death unknown.

4. William, born in New York on December 18, 1828, was eight years old when he went to Canada with his parents, and he was nineteen when he came to Wisconsin Territory. In 1855 he married Elizabeth Fox, born May 11, 1833, in Dodge County, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of William and Catherine Fox. Mrs. Cole died September 26,

1856, at the age of twenty-three years. A son was born a few days before she died. The date of her birth and death, and also the following epitaph, I have taken from her tombstone in the Cole Cemetery, Herman Township, Wisconsin:

Epitaph

Darling wife called in the bloom of life,
We must wait and travel on by faith and prayer
Until we are called to meet you there.

William Cole's second wife was Mary Ann Merrill, a native of Herman Township. They were married December 20, 1857, and settled near Iron Ridge, Wisconsin. In October, 1866, they moved to Waukegan, Illinois, where they lived until 1876, when they moved to Hayes Township, Ida County. Mr. Cole died September 16, 1877, at the age of forty-nine years. His widow lived at the home until 1891, when she went to Odebot, Iowa. Later she joined her son in California, with whom she lived until July, 1914. She returned to Arthur, Iowa and made her home with her oldest son. Mrs. Cole died February 15, 1917, at the age of eighty years, and was buried beside her husband in Ida County, Iowa. Mr. Cole and wife were members of the Methodist Church.

Children:

1. George, his son by his first wife, married and had a son. They died several years ago somewhere in Iowa, but I am unable to find a record or family tradition showing whom he married, or the date and place of death.

Children by second marriage:

1. Fred William 2. Cora 3. Frank Horace

1. Fred W. (William^7, Horace^6, Benjamin^5, Benjamin^4, Sylvester^3, John^2, John^1), was born October 31, 1861, near Iron Ridge, Wisconsin. In 1866, he moved with his parents to Waukegan, Illinois. Ten years later (1876) the family moved to Iowa and settled in Hayes Township, where Fred attended the rural school.

Mr. Cole moved to Kiron, Iowa, where he engaged in mercantile business until 1892. He moved to Arthur, Iowa, where he established a home and lived until 1922, when he moved to Cedar Falls, and in 1926 he returned to Arthur, his present place of residence.

He married Helen M. Goodrich, of Denison, Iowa, in 1893. The Cole family are highly respected citizens of Arthur.

Mrs. Cole is a woman of strong personality and geniality of temperament, and her children have been carefully trained and educated. She is a popular member of the Methodist Church, where her five daughters and son received baptism.

Children:

1. Hazel Cora 3. Mary Elvira 5. Abbie
2. Edith Helen 4. Julia Marie 6. Fred W.

1. Hazel C. (Fred^8, William^7, Horace^6, Benjamin^5, Benjamin^4,

Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born August 29, 1894, at Arthur, Iowa. Miss Cole's education began in the primary school at Arthur, and at an early age she had passed through the grade schools of her home. She enrolled in the San Bernadino High School in California for one year, and she studied at Ida Grove, Iowa, for three years. Later, she attended the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, where she received a B. A. degree. Miss Cole began her educational work in the rural schools of Ida County, and the Des Moines and Oskaloosa, Iowa, High Schools, where she taught for four consecutive years. From childhood she has been connected with the Methodist Church.

2. Edith Helen was born January 9, 1896, at Arthur, Iowa, where she gained the elementary part of her education, and she passed the consecutive grades in her home school. This course was supplemented by a High School course at Ida Grove, Iowa. Miss Edith taught for a time in the rural schools in Ida County. She took a two-year course at the Iowa State Teachers' College, at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and engaged in teaching again at Soldier, Sloan, and Sioux City, Iowa, in the grade schools. In January, 1923, she married David Bleakly, of Talva, Iowa; present place of residence, Bleakly homestead, near Talva, Iowa. Church: United Presbyterian.

3. Mary Elvira was born October 16, 1897, at Arthur, Iowa, where she began the preparatory course of her education. Her High School work was completed at Ida Grove. She later taught in the common schools in Ida County, and eventually attended the State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Iowa. On February 26, 1919, Miss Mary was married to Orin K. Goodrich, of Ida Grove, Iowa. Their present home (1927) is in Davidson County, South Dakota. Church: Presbyterian.

Children:

1. Ellis Arthur (Orin[9], Fred[8], William[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born March 11, 1920.

2. Orin King, Jr., was born May 20, 1922.

Later Mr. Goodrich moved to Mt. Vernon, Davidson County, South Dakota.

4. Julia Marie, fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, was born August 30, 1899, at Arthur, Iowa. She attended the grade schools, and later studied High School methods at Ida Grove, Iowa. She taught two years in the rural schools of Toma County. Subsequently she attended the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and the following year she taught in Sioux City, Iowa, grade schools. On August 17, 1922, she married Jones I. Innes, of Rienbeck, Iowa. They live on the Innes homestead. Church: Episcopalian.

Child:

1. ---------- (Jones[9], Fred[8], William[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born September 24, 1927, at Rienbeck, Iowa.

5. Abba was born November 1, 1901, at Arthur, Iowa. She attended the public schools of the city, and after graduating from the High School, she entered the Iowa State Teachers' College, at Cedar Falls, Iowa. The year following she taught in the Decorah High School, where she stayed two years; she also taught two years at Lewiston, Idaho, High School, where she is at the present time (1927).

The Cole Sisters have held prominent places in their profession and have been exceptionally successful.

6. Fred W., Jr., was born at Arthur, Iowa, October 30, 1908. He passed through the grade schools, and thus laid the foundation of his education. On September 1, 1922, he moved with his parents to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he was graduated from the High School in 1926. In 1927 he registered at the Iowa State College of Agriculture, Ames, Iowa, which he will attend until he graduates.

2. Cora Jane, only daughter of Wm. and Mary A. Cole, was born near Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, November 11, 1864. The family moved to Waukegan, Illinois, in 1866, and to Hayes Township, Iowa, in 1876. She was a pupil in the rural schools in the districts in which she lived. In 1891 she married Wm. Shaw. They moved to Highlands, California, in 1893, where she died. Burial was at Redlands, California. Without issue.

3. Frank Horace was born near Waukegan, Illinois, November 17, 1872, and came to Hayes Township, Iowa, in 1876. He attended the rural school in that township and then entered the Des Moines College. In 1893, he and his mother moved to Highlands, California, where he married Edna Wilmot in July, 1896. Mrs. Cole passed away in October, 1905. Mr. Cole located in Los Angeles in 1911: present address, 406 Isabel Street, Los Angeles, California.

5. Caroline Cole, born in 1830, Jefferson County, New York, (near Watertown), was about six years old when she moved to Canada with her parents, and was about fifteen when the family came to Wisconsin. She married Peter McLeese in 1850 at Woodland, Dodge County, Wisconsin. He bought the Fraser farm in 1856-7, and thereafter it was called the McLeese Farm. It was counted as the finest and most productive in that township. Mrs. McLeese died May 31, 1862, at the age of thirty-one years, two months, and eight days, and her remains were interred in the Cole Cemetery.

Epitaph

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed be they who die in the Lord, From henceforth, Yea sayeth the Spirit that they may rest from their labors—and thy works will follow them.

Children:

1. Martha (Peter[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born in Hubbard Township, Dodge County, Wisconsin, in December, 1851; died May 3, 1852, at six months and twenty-seven days.

2. Alice E., was born in April, 1855; died at seven months November 25, 1855.

3. Horace E., was born in January, 1861; died August 17th, the same year, at six months.

The last two children were born on the McLeese place, and the three were buried beside their mother in the Cole Cemetery.

Epitaph

I will take the little lambs, saieth the Lord,
And lay them on my breast.

4. Alice Loretta may have been the first born or the last of the McLeese children. They were all born in the vicinity of Woodland. She is the only one that lived after the death of her mother, and she was adopted by Levi Curtis, of Woodland. She married John Murray. Their children were born in Waushara County, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Harry, died at the age of ten.

2. Ronald, who lived with his mother in Republic, Terry County, Washington. He never married.

6. Charlotte Cole, born February 13, 1839, Norwich, Ontario, Canada, was seven when she moved to Wisconsin Territory with her parents. Charlotte attended the Cole School, having entered the first year that it was built (September 15, 1848). She married Thomas Ryerson, a native of Long Island. They lived in Woodland as late as November 8, 1871.

An excerpt from letter written by Mrs. Ryerson's father, in which he wrote: "Charlotte Ryerson and Mary Ann Whitcomb are here and have been two weeks," would indicate that the Ryersons were living in Wisconsin at that time.

Later they moved to Long Island, New York, where they died and were buried. They had one child, Ida; I have no record of date of birth and the supposition is that she was born in the East. I find in a letter of information that "Ida died in childhood."

7. Cynthia J. was born in New York in 1835. She was two years old when her parents moved to Canada in 1836. Cynthia remained with her married sister, Nancy Barton, until 1848. She was fourteen when she came to Wisconsin. At an early age, she married Henry Sitts, a resident of Herman Township, and they lived a half mile from her father's home. She died August 13, 1858, at the age of twenty-three years, three months, and fifteen days, and was buried in Cole Cemetery, Herman Township, Wisconsin.

Epitaph

I did not think that I so soon,
In the cold grave should find my home,
More earthly joy I thought to meet,
Before I fell in death's cold sleep.

Child:

1. Jane (Henry[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born in 1858; died in 1863, age, five years; buried beside her mother in Cole Cemetery.

8. John Sylvester was born in Norwich, Ontario, Canada, February 9, 1837. In 1846 he came with his parents to Wisconsin Territory. He lived at home until 1868 and then went to Adair County, Missouri. He lived there two years. His next place of residence was Cushing, Oklahoma, and four years later he moved to Henry County, Missouri. In 1903 he settled in the State of Washington, at Leeds, which is his present place of residence (1927). Mr. Cole is remarkably active and young for a man of his years, lacking only three months of being ninety-one years old; such cases of longevity are not common in this age. He writes of riding his horse the greater part of the days in looking after his ranch near Leeds. John is the oldest living grandson of Benjamin Cole, who was born November 9, 1773, and died in July, 1852, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Mr. Cole's occupation is farming and raising livestock, and he has been prosperous financially. He has been married twice and has a son and daughter by his first wife, who died long years ago. There is no family by the second wife.

Children:

1. Walter (John[7], Horace[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]). He lives in Tacoma, Washington, at 820 North Pine Street.

2. Jennie, lived at Waconda, Washington, where she married Mr. Pugh. The last obtainable place of residence is Canada.

9 Mary Ann, born February 13, 1839, at Norwich, Canada, was seven when she came to Wisconsin. At nine years of age, she attended the Cole School with her sisters, Mercy and Jane. Mary Ann married Fred Whitcomb at Woodland in 1858-9. Mrs. Whitcomb died January 18, 1875 at Humbird, Wisconsin, and was buried in Houghton Cemetery, near Humbird. She had passed her fortieth year. Mr. Whitcomb was a telegrapher at Woodland when they were married.

Without issue.

10. Mercy Cole, born at Norwich, Canada, March 27, 1841, and Jane, the youngest of Horace, Sr.'s children, born February 7, 1843, in Canada, came to Wisconsin with their parents in 1846. Mercy died July 31, 1861, at the age of nineteen years, three months, and fourteen days. Jane died August 22, 1861. She was seventeen years and six

months' old when death claimed her. Jane had nursed her sister from the first days of her illness.

I had known the sisters from my childhood days and I loved them, and during their last days was a frequent visitor. I was eleven at that time, yet have never forgotten the following words from one who had been a life-long friend, "They were called in the bloom of life to cross the border into that land of eternal life." They died of quick consumption, and were buried in the Cole Cemetery.

Epitaph—taken from Mercy's tombstone

Precious in the sight of the Lord is this Saint.

Epitaph

But one thing is needful, and Jane has chosen that part which shall not be taken away.

II. Nathaniel W. Cole was born Wednesday, September 30, 1797, near Pamilia 4 Corners, New York. He attended the District School, and obtained a good practical education. He was born and raised on a farm, and from early boyhood he and Horace (the oldest son of the family) had been helpful in doing the chores incidental to farm life. Nathaniel was the first of the fourteen children to leave home and fend for himself. When he was twenty-one years old (in 1818), he married Mary Peters, daughter of Peter Emery, of Lockport, Wayne County, New York. In 1831 he moved to Michigan, and located a homestead near Adrian, Lenawee County.

All of the hardships of pioneer life fell to the lot of Nathaniel and his family. Less than two years later he left the wilderness and went to Fairfield, Michigan. Following the birth of a son, Mrs. Cole died October 18, 1832, at the age of 32 years. She was survived by her husband and six children. She was buried in the Fairfield Cemetery.

In 1835 Mr. Cole returned to Lockport, New York, with five children. Seth, the baby, remained with the friends who had taken him to their home and cared for him as their own. Mr. Cole returned to Michigan in 1837, leaving the children with their mother's people.

Eventually he received one hundred and sixty acres of heavily timbered government land in Genesee County. He was among the first early pioneers to blaze a trail through the untouched wilderness in that section of the state. A clearing was made, and a log cabin erected and made habitable for the sons who came in 1837 as pioneers, like their English forefathers who had entered the wilderness of Connecticut and New York long before the Revolutionary War.

Homes and lands were not won by chance in pioneer days—the first years there was little in the lives of these men but toiling to live and living to toil. The timber cut in clearing the land was converted into shingles and rafted down Flint River to be exchanged for trade at the stores in Flint. At that time the only payment offered was to exchange something equal in value; money was rarely proffered in payment.

The descendants of Nathaniel W. Cole are numerous throughout Genesee County and other parts of Michigan, and they hold responsible, honorable, and eminent positions in the different walks of life.

Mr. Cole died January 6, 1863, of pneumonia, at the home of his second son, Nathaniel, with whom he had lived for several years. He was sixty-six when death claimed him; interment was at Davison, Genesee County, Michigan, in the Pine Grove Cemetery. The family were members of the Baptist Church.

NOTE: The following is taken from a letter written by his fifth son January 18, 1868: "Father sleeps in his grave and his voice we hear no more. He was a kind father and oh! how we miss him."

Children:

1. Mercy Ann
2. Benjamin John
3. Nathaniel Peter
4. Walter J.
5. Barnet P.
6. Seth B.

1. Mercy Ann (Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born at Lockport, New York in 1820. Her mother died when she was twelve years old and the care of the family fell upon her. Mercy Ann had been in delicate health for some time and the household duties became a task beyond her strength to manage. In 1834, Mr. Cole, with the five older children returned to New York, hopeful that with a change of climate and the fostering care of her mother's people, she would regain her health. For a short time she seemed to be on the road to recovery when there came a sudden change and she sank quietly to rest in 1837, at seventeen, of tuberculosis. Interment was in Lockport Cemetery.

2. Benjamin John, born at Lockport, New York, in 1822, was nine years old when he moved to Michigan with his parents. He returned to Lockport in 1834 and came back to Michigan in 1835. At an early age he married Mary Jane Dibble, of Genesee County, Michigan. Prior to his marriage, his father had given Benjamin sixty acres of land. He cleared a space in the forest, built a log house, and commenced housekeeping. In a few years he had brought under cultivation many acres of growing crops. He died in 1894, in his seventy-second year, and was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Davison, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his wife twelve years. Church: Baptist.

Children:

1. Mary
2. Walter J.
3. Benjamin D.
4. Edgar
5. William
6. Ella

1. Mary Cole (Benjamin[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born in Genesee County, Michigan; married William Rose. Mary died in 1893, at Richfield and was interred in Union Cemetery.

Children:

1. Mattie (William[8], Benjamin[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), died at the age of eighteen; unmarried.
2. Fred, died at the age of three years.
3. Edward, married and lives near Detroit, Michigan.

2. Walter J., son of Benjamin and Mary Jane Dibble, born at Richfield, Michigan; died at Flint, July 22, 1902, at the home of his brother Edgar J.

3. Benjamin D., born at Richfield, Michigan, in 1856; died in 1859.

4. Edgar J., born May 18, 1866, at Richfield, Michigan; married Samanthia Hart in 1888. Mrs. Cole died April 4, 1920; buried at Richfield, Michigan. Occupation: farming. Church: Baptist.

Children:

1. Fred J. (Edgar[8], Walter[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born in 1889, in Richfield.

2. Nellie, born in 1897; married Joe West in 1917.

Children:

1. Bessie, born in 1918
2. Eddie, born in 1920
3. Harold, born in 1922
4. Bernice, born in 1924

5. William, fifth child of Benjamin and Mary Dibble, died at the age of seven years.

6. Ella, born in 1870, at Richfield, Michigan; married Adelbert Tanner in 1882. Mrs. Tanner died at her residence in Pontiac, Michigan, on March 18, 1907. Mr. Tanner died in 1918. They are buried in the cemetery in their home city. Without issue.

3. Nathaniel, born in Wayne County, New York, October 31, 1824, came to Genesee County, Michigan when twelve years of age. March 2, 1851, he married Mary Potter, who was born in 1830 and died July 16, 1894, at the age of sixty-seven. His father gave him his farm and thereafter made his home with Nathaniel, Jr., and his wife as long as he lived. Nathaniel died August 10, 1891, of heart failure. His wife died of the same disease. They are buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. Church: Baptist.

Children:

1. Ira P. (Nathaniel[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born February 6, 1865; died April 5, 1867, at Richfield, Michigan.

2. Mercy Ann Cole, born July 8, 1852, at Richfield, Michigan; married John Cartright, November 28, 1872. Prior to her marriage she was engaged in educational work. She died January 25, 1923. They had one child, Charles C., born March 23, 1877. Church: Baptist.

NOTE: John Cartright and son, Charles, (unmarried), are living at Davison, Michigan, where they own and operate a vinegar plant.

3. Ira W. Cole, born February 19, 1868, at Richfield, Michigan; married Alice Dillenbeck June 26, 1889. She was born October 21, 1869, and died August 24, 1909, at the age of forty years, at Richfield.

Children:

1. Ray W., 2. Roy N. (Ira[8], Nathaniel[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born June 22, 1890, at Richfield, Michigan.

Ray W. died October 12, 1890; Roy N. died December 2, 1892.

3. Ida B., born August 6, 1893; died March 19, 1894.

Ira W. Cole's second wife was Ruby E. Wadsworth, whom he married March 10, 1912. Mr. Cole and his wife live on the homestead, and are reasonably prosperous agriculturists. Church: Baptist.

4. Walter J. Cole was born June 3, 1827, at Lockport, New York. He was a lad of four years when he moved with his parents to Adrian, Michigan. In 1835 he returned to his native state and lived there until 1837, when his father sent for him to come to Genesee County, Michigan. The son of a pioneer of moderate means, he and the four older boys were willing helpers, assuming their share of the responsibility in leveling the forest. Michigan owes to these pioneer youths kindly remembrance of their industry, perseverance, and labor in clearing the forest and converting the wilderness into arable fields.

On April 9, 1851, he married Marian Hastings, born October 3, 1832. He engaged in farming until failing health forced him to retire. He died December 29, 1906, due to the infirmities of old age, having passed his seventy-ninth year. Mr. Cole's wife lived to be eighty-seven, and she died April 9, 1919. Theirs was no disease, but the giving out of nature. They were buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Davison. Church: Baptist.

Children:

1. Suzette C. 2. Rena E. 3. Thankful D.

1. Suzette C., born September 26, 1856, at the homestead; married Moses Middleton April 16, 1878; place of residence, Flint Michigan. Mr. Middleton was Register of Deeds for many years. He died in 1924, of heart disease, while waiting at the barber shop for his chair. Death came at the close of a long and busy life, and brought sorrow to his family and friends.

Children:

1. W. Ray (Moses[8], Walter[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born January 11, 1884, at Flint, Michigan; married Maribel Smith on June 28, 1911.

2. W. Clyde Middleton, born September 27, 1892; married Eva Fay Dodd, June 8, 1916. Occupation: He teaches chemistry and science at the college in Haxton, Colorado.

Child:

1. Marian Lois (Clyde[9], Moses[8], Walter[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born February 6, 1919.

2. Rena E. Cole, born September 30, 1859; unmarried.

3. Thankful D. Cole, born January 7, 1861; married Wallace D. Smith, January 7, 18__. Mrs. Smith died October 22, 1910. Occupation: farmer.

Children:

1. Byron H. 3. Jessie M.
2. Varian H. 4. Florence R., who died December 4, 1899.

1. Byron (Wallace[8], Walter[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born July 19, 1894; married Lilas Allen, June 7, 1924. He resides at Harbor Springs, Michigan.

2. Varian H., born November 23, 1895; married Ruth E.

Jackson, April 25, 1915. Occupation: bookkeeper and accountant at Denver, Colo.

Children:

1. Beth Avery (Varian[9], Wallace[8], Walter[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born May 22, 1918, at Denver, Colo.

2. Roderick J. Smith, born Jan. 29, 1920, at Denver, Colo.

3. Jessie M. Smith, born January 12, 1898; married Anson Stinson, October 11, 1916. He has a battery shop in Ludington, Michigan.

Children:

1. Bernadine F. (Anson[9], Wallace[8], Walter[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born April 19, 1917.

2. Lester W., born July 22, 1919.

3. Dora Mae, born May 22, 1921.

5. Barnet P., born January 2, 1831, at Lockport, New York, was a babe in arms when he came to Michigan in 1831. In 1835 he was taken back to his former home, and after the death of his sister Mercy, he lived with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, until his thirteenth year. At that time he joined his father and brothers, who were pioneers of Genesee County, Michigan. He lived with them until his marriage to Mary Jane Center, May 6, 1853.

Barnet was twenty-two when he invested in land, made clearings, built a home, and engaged in farming, which he followed all of his active life. He became as financially prosperous and comfortable as the average farmer of those days. His wife was an invalid for several years; in fact, she never regained her health.

Following are excerpts from two letters written by Mr. Cole to his father's sister, Polly (Cole) Fox, April 15, 1867, and January 18, 1868. I have a copy of both letters. He writes of his wife's wonderful courage and faith, which gave her strength to keep about and attend to the household duties that would have tasked the strength of one in perfect health:

> "She is all ambition. She was taken with pains in both feet and for six weeks she was unable to move them, and gradually lost the use of her limbs. She was helpless for five months, and we carried her in our arms. Her case seemed hopeless and believed incurable. Oh! what courage she had! We would place our hands under her arms and walk about the house, her limbs dragging behind her. She would say that she would walk again, and she did, although she never was strong on her feet again. She did the light work about the house and spun fifty pounds of wool when her feet were so swollen it didn't seem possible that she could stand it. She gained the day by faith and perseverance, and gets around very well."

Her long illness was caused by putrid erysipelas. Mrs. Cole's sublime faith was wonderful. She died February 15, 1891, of stone cancer, and she answered the call with full assurance of a higher life.

Mr. Cole remained in Davison for several years. His niece had charge of his home until 1902, when he made his home with his son, with whom he lived for eighteen years. He died October 13, 1920, at the age of ninety years, nine months, and eleven days.

Crowned with many years and the consciousness of a well-spent life, he passed on to join his companion of thirty-eight years, who had predeceased him by twenty-eight years. Husband and wife rest side by side in Pine Grove Cemetery, Davison, Michigan. Church: Baptist.

Child:

1. Herbert William Cole (Barnet[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]). He was born February 9, 1854, at Davison Junction, Genessee County, Michigan. Having graduated from the Davison School, he engaged in educational work until his marriage, October 31, 1875, to Flora J. Skinner, who was born at Goodrich, Michigan, September 1st, 1855. He then adopted farming as an occupation, a branch of industry in which he has prospered. The Cole homestead lies ten miles east of Flint City, and two miles from Davison. Mr. Cole is selling part of his farm lands in lots, reserving the land adjoining the homestead for himself.

Herbert is an enterprising man and there are bright prospects for a thriving village in the near future. The writer of this sketch of Herbert W. Cole recognizes in his letters traits of character inherited from generations of his ancestors, with a fund of quaint humor, anecdotes, and repartee that is entertaining.

I am deeply indebted to Mr. Cole for his contribution regarding the records of Nathaniel, Sr., and his descendants in Michigan. Church: Baptist.

Children:

1. Rena L. (Herbert[8], Barnet[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born May 3, 1878, at the Cole homestead, where she passed away May 18, 1885. She was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Davison, Michigan.

2. Bertha M., born on the homestead January 1, 1885. She is not married and has remained with her parents, and is a stay and comfort in their declining years.

Phyllis Conway, born February 19, 1912, at Hadley, Michigan, the orphan child of friends, lives with the Coles and is cherished as a daughter.

6. Seth B., sixth child of Nathaniel and Mary (Peters) Cole, was born at Fairfield, Michigan, October 18, 1832. His mother died at his birth and friends of the family raised and loved him as a son, although he retained his father's name.

Mr. Cole married Cynthia Baker, February 15, 1854. She was a

native of Fairfield, and was born May 9, 1834. She died in 1861 and was buried in the home cemetery. Church: Baptist. Occupation:

Seth married, secondly, Lydia Baker, July 25, 1869, who died January 3, 1885. Mrs. Cole was born, married, died, and buried at Fairfield, Michigan.

Mr. Cole died of cancer December 9, 1900, at sixty-eight years of age, and was buried at Fairfield.

Children:

1. Mercy Juliette
2. Byron Adelbert

1. Mercy J. (Seth[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Fairfield, November 28, 1854; married Edgar H. Furgason in 1875. Occupation: farmer. Church: Baptist.

Children:

1. Lynn Allen
2. Harry Montello
3. Carlton Edwin
4. Victor E.

1. Lynn A. (Edgar[8], Seth[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born April 24, 1876, at Fairfield, Michigan; married Augusta Noach in 1898 at Elkhart, Indiana.

Children:

1. Helen Noach
2. Edgar

1. Helen Noach (Lynn[9], Edgar[8], Seth[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Jackson, Michigan, July 24, 1902. Miss Furgason has taught in the public schools for several years and has given entire satisfaction to the school board, parents, and pupils.

2. Edgar, born at Lansing, Michigan, October 5, 1903. Occupation: traveling salesman.

2. Harry Montello, son of Edgar and Mercy Furgason, was born at Benton Harbor, Michigan, July 16, 1882; married Nellie B. Hanks in 1910. He died December 13, 1917, and his wife died in April, 1918, at Eau Clair, Michigan. Church: Baptist.

Children:

1. Raymond (Harry[9], Edgar[8], Seth[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Benton Harbor, Michigan, July 27, 1911.
2. Cleo, born at Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 16, 1912.
3. Donna, born at Laurance, Michigan, August 21, 1914.

3. Carlton E. Furgason, born at Benton Harbor, Michigan, September 20, 1886; married Fannie Fern, of Milwaukee, in August, 1909. Occupation: farmer. Church: Baptist.

Children:

1. Margaret (Carlton[9], Edgar[8], Seth[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 10, 1910; died April, 1915.
2. Kendell, born in Madison, Wisconsin, October 28, 1911.

3. Lois Fern, born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, April 29, 1913.

4. Charles Edgar, born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, July 2, 1916.

5. Robert Claire, born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, June 27, 1922.

6. Calvin Lee, born in Eau Claire, Michigan, October 9, 1924.

4. Victor E. Furgason, born at Benton Harbor, Michigan, January 2, 1894; married Emma Franze, of Eau Clair, Michigan, June 26, 1917. Occupation: educational work. Church: Baptist.

2. Byron Adelbert, son of Seth and Cynthia Cole, born at Fairfield, Michigan, July 27, 1860; married, June 20, 1897, Mary Alice Herzing, who was born January 29, 1876. She was a native of Fairfield. Mr. Cole moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, about 1923 or 1924. He was thrown from a racing cart on the Wasaco, Minnesota, fair grounds and killed.

Children:

1. Uva Jane (Byron[8], Seth[7], Nathaniel[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Fairfield, Michigan, August 12, 1898; married Curtis Sanford, May 14, 1921, at Orina, Nebraska. Present place of residence: Los Angeles, California.

2. S. Boyd, born June 14, 1901; died June 11, 1916.

3. Iva Laura, born March 10, 1907.

4. Eva Lena, born December 3, 1912.

5. Ira Hollis, born October 5, 1915.

III. Cynthia (Cole) Stewart was born Wednesday, July 24, 1799, at the Cole homestead near Pamilia 4 Corners, New York. In 1819 she married Wm. Stewart.

After long months of intense suffering from an incurable disease, death came to her relief. The air of triumph with which she met the Reaper was sublime. She crossed the border into the home of eternal life January 24, 1839. Three brothers, Benjamin, Ira and Willis, and two sisters, Charlotte and Mahala, were with her the week prior to her death.

She was thankful and happy to have them with her, speaking comforting words and asking them to prepare to meet her in Heaven. She longed to be at rest, she had suffered so much. She had that hope of the life beyond that takes away the sting of death. Her faculties were clear to the last.

The following excerpts I have taken from a letter written by Benjamin to his parents announcing her death. The date of the letter is July 29, 1839. There were no envelopes in those days; the letters were folded square and sealed with wax. The postage was marked in the upper right hand corner.

> "Now, father and mother, you have lived to see your children men and women. Can you say with the man of old—'The Lord giveth and taketh away, and blessed be the name of our Lord?' She quietly planned her funeral arrangements and, as far as possible, the future of her daughters."

The letter is signed by two sons and their wives: Benjamin A. and Mary Cole, and Ira S. B. and Rachel Cole.

Mr. Stewart died several years before the death of his wife. They are buried in LeRay Cemetery, Jefferson County, New York. Church: Methodist. Children:

1. Eunice (William^{6}, Benjamin^{5}, Benjamin^{4}, Sylvester^{3}, John^{2}, John^{1}) went east and entered college.

2. Mary Ann, died in 1845 at LeRay, where she and her sister were born.

IV. Dorastus Cole was born Friday, August 22, 1800, near Pamilia 4 Corners, N. Y. He was quite a lad before a school was established in the district. He attended at intervals until his fifteenth year, and being a studious boy, he quickly acquired all that the common schools could teach him.

He was twenty-three when he married Betsy Ray, born September 25, 1823, at Martha's Vineyard, Long Island. The Coles settled near Watertown, N. Y.

They removed to Pamilia Village (ten miles from Watertown) in 1844, and in 1849 the family came to Dodge County, Wis. Because of his liking for the country, he decided to make it his future home. His parents gave him a grant of one hundred and twenty acres of land near the site of what is now Woodland, and here he farmed for five years. Then he built and conducted the first hotel in the town. Two years later he was appointed postmaster, in which capacity he served until 1867.

Subsequently he moved to Ashippun Township, same state, and again engaged in agriculture. In 1872 he sold his holdings and bought a home at Hartford, Washington Co., Wis.

Mrs. Cole had been superintendent of the Woodland Methodist Sabbath School for many years. She died August 22, 1880, at Hartford.

Mr. Cole moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where he died August 22, 1890, on the anniversary of his ninetieth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Cole were buried in the Cole Cemetery, Herman Township. Church: Methodist.

Children:

1. Mary Jane
2. Harrison
3. Jackson
4. Wallace
5. Hiram
6. Mercy
7. Helen
8. Alonzo
9. Elizabeth

1. Mary Jane (Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born April 13, 1828, at Watertown, N. Y., and married Edward G. Thomas, who was engaged in a silkworm industry in New York. Mrs. Thomas had been in failing health for some time and had come west to the home of her parents, hoping that a change of climate would help to regain her health. Family tradition affirms that she was in the last stage of tuberculosis when she came West. She died at the home of her parents, February 14, 1856, and was buried at the Cole Cemetery.

2. Harrison, born at Watertown, N. Y., married Cornelia Dutcher, of Hartford, Wis., daughter of A. M. and Mary Dutcher.

She died in 1867 and was buried at the Cole Cemetery in the lot where a son and daughter, who died in early childhood, were laid to rest.

3. Andrew Jackson was born at Watertown, N. Y. At an early age, he, with his brothers, Harrison and Wallace, went to Massachusetts to seek employment. Andrew Jackson entered the employ of a cloth draping house in St. Laurence County. For a short time after he came to Wisconsin in 1849, he followed the trade of shoemaker at Woodland, Dodge Co., and then engaged in farming near Woodland. His next place of residence was Northwood, Iowa, where he conducted a general feed store, in addition to serving as postmaster.

On November 14, 1849, he married Sarah E. Hull, who was a native of Jefferson Co., N. Y. She died February 15, 1885, at Northwood, Iowa. Mr. Cole died several years later. They are buried at Northwood, Iowa.

Children:

1. Ida (Jackson[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]). The record of Ida Cole is very meager. I am unable to obtain date of birth or marriage; her place of birth was Woodland, Wis. She married Don Simmins. Present place of residence: Northwood, Iowa. Without issue.

2. Wallace, born at Woodland, is said to have been married at Spokane, Wash., where he died and was buried.

4. William Wallace was born at Watertown, N. Y., in 1828. He worked as a mechanic at Bedford, Mass., in 1846. I have the following record of W. W. Cole, obtained in 1898 by a member of the Cole family:

> "Wallace sailed on a whaling voyage and was gone for several years. Eventually he settled in Arizona and become interested in valuable silver mines."

Notice of his death (June 28, 1878) was sent to his relatives. Unmarried.

5. Hiram was born at Watertown, N. Y., in 1830, and died in Milwaukee, Wis., April 12, 1897.

6. Anna Mercy, born at Watertown, N. Y., December 1, 1836, accompanied her parents to Wisconsin in 1849. She married Sherry S. Smith on August 29, 1857. They were residents of Hartford in their early married life. Eventually they removed to Tennessee, where Mrs. Smith died, November 13, 1908, and was buried.

Children:

1. Frank (Sherry[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]). I believe that he was born in Wisconsin, as were also his sister and his son, Roy.

Child:

1. Roy (Frank[8], Sherry[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5] Benjamin[4],

Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) married and lives near Mauston, Wis. Occupation: farmer.

2. Minnie, daughter of Sherry and Mercy Smith, married Jack George. Said to be living at New Lisbon, Wis.

7. Helen, born April 10, 1836, at Watertown, N. Y., was ten when her parents came to Wisconsin. It is said that she attended two sessions of school near her home in Watertown, also at Pamilia Village, where the family lived from 1844 to 1849. It is probable that she and the younger members of the family attended the Vedder School as it was the nearest.

She married Sanford J. Wilson at Mayville, Wis., April 10, 1856. Mrs. Wilson was an intellectual woman and possessed a strong personality. She was called September 9, 1884, and was buried at Hartford, Wis.

Children:

1. Adolph S. 2. Nellie F. 3. Charlotte

1. Adolph (Sanford[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]). Date of birth, May 1, 1859. He was educated at Hartford, and married Miss Smallwood. Occupation: station agent at Lannon, near Milwaukee, Wis., on the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Ry. line. Without issue.

2. Nellie F., born July 27, 1867, obtained her education at the graded and high schools at Hartford. On July 27, she married Andrew Mechelke, son of E. J. Mechelke. They are pioneer residents of Milwaukee, having lived there forty or more years. Mr. Mechelke is a well-known business man and a highly esteemed citizen.

Children:

1. Helen 2. Russell Wilson 3. Lyle

1. Helen (Andrew[8], Sanford[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Milwaukee, May 21, 1894; died, April 3, 1901.

2. Russell Wilson was born June 20, 1896, at Milwaukee, Wis., where he obtained his education, graduating from Washington High School.

He married, October 9, 1920, at Milwaukee, Ruth Ellen Pofahl, born at Kenosha, Wis., daughter of John Herman and Eva (Nullor) Pofahl. Mrs. Mechelke acquired her education at the public schools of Kenosha, and was later private secretary to George S. Meredith, Chairman of the State Republican Committee of Wisconsin, as well as during his industrial and judicial interests in the city.

Mr. Mechelke is proprietor of a Hupmobile Sales and Service Garage.

He is a member of the Kingsley Methodist Church, of Milwaukee, and his wife is an active member of the South Baptist Church.

Child:

1. Janet Ruth (Russell[9], Andrew[8], Sanford[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born July 27, 1923, and passed away August 1, 1923.

3. Lyle A. Mechelke, born June 28, 1901, at Milwaukee, and received his education there. He is an electrical engineer with the A. O. Smith Corporation of Milwaukee. Unmarried.

3. Lottie, daughter of Sanford and Helen (Cole) Wilson, was born January 13, 1877, and was educated at the Milwaukee grade and high schools. She married Edward Meyer, son of Louis Meyer, Milwaukee. Mrs. Meyer died in February, 1918, and was buried at Fairview Mausoleum, Milwaukee.

Child:

1. Kermit Meyer (Edward[8], Sanford[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born in Milwaukee, July 15, 1905, and attended the schools of that city. He is now in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Ry. Co. at Austin, Minn. Unmarried.

8. Alonzo, son of Dorastus and Betsy Cole, was born at Watertown, N. Y., October 23, 1842. In 1844 his family moved to Pamilia Village, where he obtained the first rudiments of his education. In 1849-50 he came to Wisconsin and he remained under the parental roof during their residence in what is now Woodland. Two years later he joined the Fox Brothers String Band and played with them until 1866, when the Fox Brothers left that section of the state.

Alonzo married Amelia Vauk at the home of his parents in Ashippun Township, Wis., November 25, 1869. She was the daughter of Bernhardt and Wilhelmenia (Greenwadt) Vauk. Alonzo and his wife remained with his parents until 1880 and then moved to Northwood, Iowa. In 1882 they came to Milwaukee, Wis. He was employed by the city construction department for twenty years. Failing health compelled him to retire and he visited at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Seidel, Rising City, Neb., where he died May 10, 1910, of diabetes. He was buried at Ashland, Neb.

His widow, now eighty-one, is with her daughter, Mrs. Bennett, in Milwaukee. She is wonderfully active, quick of eye, mind and hand for one of her advanced age.

NOTE: Mrs. Cole passed away April 14, 1928, of influenza, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella Bennett. Interment: Valhalla, Milwaukee, Wis.

Children:

1. Ella 2. Ida

1. Ella (Alonzo[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born October 6, 1870, at Ashippun Township, Wis. She attended Washington High School and was graduated from the Spencerian Business College, Milwaukee.

On August 2, 1898, Miss Cole married Charles E. Bennett, son

of George and Sarah Jane (Martin) Bennett, born in 1826 at Worcestershire, England. Mr. Bennett died, March 13, 1926, at the family residence in Milwaukee. Church: Methodist.

Children:

1. Norman C. 2. Howard Elmer 3. Gordon Ralph

1. Norman Charles (Charles[8], Alonzo[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born May 7, 1899, at Milwaukee, Wis. He is a graduate of Washington High School, and is employed by the Milwaukee Road as an accountant. He married September 27, 1921, Gladys Marie Carrick, daughter of William Carrick.

Child:

1. Beverly Jean (Norman[9], Charles[8], Alonzo[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born in Milwaukee, October 23, 1927.

2. Howard Elmer, place of birth, Milwaukee; date, October 14, 1901. He is a graduate of Washington High School, Milwaukee, and is manager and purchasing agent for an electric crane company. On September 3, 1927, he married Myrtle Alice Dornfield, daughter of William and Minnie Dornfield.

3. Gordon Ralph, born in Milwaukee, August 16, 1907, and attended Washington High School. Unmarried.

2. Ida, daughter of Alonzo and Amelia Cole, was born at Hartford, Wis., April 22, 1873. She married Rev. H. C. Seidel, January 27, 1897.

Children:

1. Roland Hugo 2. Shelden Stanley

1. Roland Hugo (H.[8], Alonzo[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born October 30, 1898. He married, March 28, 1921, Kathleen Hildreth, of Tomah. Occupation: Printer.

Child:

1. Roland, Jr. (Roland[9], H.[8], Alonzo[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born March 25, 1927, at Lincoln, Neb.

2. Sheldon Stanley, born October 25, 1900; married, April 4, 1922, Albertie Mabel Schaeffer, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Children:

1. Sheldon Stanley, Jr. (Sheldon[9], H.[8], Alonzo[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born at Hastings, Neb., March 12, 1924.

2. Charles LeRay, born at Hastings, Neb., June 25, 1925.

9. Elizabeth C. Cole was born near Watertown, N. Y., March 7, 1843. In 1844 her family moved to Pamilia Village, same state, and she was nine when they came to Wisconsin. Elizabeth attended the

Cole School in Herman Township until one was established at Woodland.

She married, in 1860-61, Frank Hanmer, a native of Endfield, Thompkins Co., N. Y., born March 23, 1836. On April 27, 1860, Mr. Hanmer enlisted at Hartland, Wis., for service in the Civil War in Co. G, Regiment 34th Wisconsin Infantry. M. O. in 1861.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanmer were residents of Portage, Wis., prior to 1862, and made Portage their home until late in 1867. The succeeding five years they lived in Ashippun Township, Wis., after which they moved with their parents to Hartford, Wis. Their next place of residence was Milwaukee, where Mr. Hanmer was engaged in construction work with the street railway company. Their later years were spent with their daughter, Mae, at her home in Eyota, Minn., where they passed the autumn and evening of life's journey at the W. J. Moulster home. Mrs. Hanmer was called November 7, 1904, and Mr. Hanmer January 6, 1918, predeceased by his wife fourteen years. They were buried at Hartford, Wis.

Children:

1. Mae Jane 2. Dorastus

1. Mae Jane (Frank[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Portage, Wis., in 1862. Her education was obtained at the district school in Ashippun Township. supplemented by studies at the Hartford grade and high schools, She married, at Hartford, W. J. Moulster, of Washington Co. He has served with the Northwestern Railroad as station agent for many years. They were residents of Eyota until his retirement in 1928. Their present place of residence is Hartford. They are the parents of six daughters and two sons.

2. Dorastus, second child of Frank and Elizabeth (Cole) Hanmer, was born March 17, 1856, at the Cole homestead in Ashippun Co., Wis. He has been associated with the Geo. Adams Co. for many years. He died September 1, 1928, and was buried at Hartford, Wis.

VI. Mahala Cole, born Sunday, November 20, 1803, near Pamilia, Jefferson County, New York, attended the local school in the Cole District from an early age until her fifteenth year. After her marriage in 1821 to John Davis, they lived at Theresa, New York, until 1851, when they moved to Watertown, same county and state. Mr. Davis conducted the Adolphia Hotel a short time, then sold the property, and removed to Alexander Bay, New York. In 1854 he came to Wisconsin and invested in land in Green Lake County, near St. Marie (now Princeton), living there until 1872. At that time he suffered a paralytic stroke, from which he never entirely recovered, and it left him an invalid the last six years of his life.

A daughter that lived at Osceola, Iowa, came home with her husband and children and remained on the farm for a year. Then the family moved to Princeton and lived there until Mr. Davis passed away November 8, 1878. He was buried at Princeton.

The year following Mr. Davis' death, the Princeton home was sold and the Magill family and Mrs. Davis moved to New Chester, Adams County, Wisconsin. They purchased a farm and made this their business occupation.

Mrs. Davis lived with her daughter until her death October 29, 1883. Her remains were taken to Princeton and interred by the side of her husband in the Princeton Cemetery.

Children:

1. Charlotte, 2. Emaline, 3. Sarah Ann, 4. Jennie, 5. Horace, 6. Sophrona, 7. Frances.

1. Charlotte (John^{6}, Benjamin^{5}, Benjamin^{4}, Sylvester^{3}, John^{2}, John^{1}) was born in 1823 at Theresa, Jefferson County, New York. Her education was acquired in the public school. She married Harvey Brooks in 1843. When the gold craze in 1849 lured men from their homes and families, among them went Mr. Brooks with the army of gold seekers to California. In 1852, Mrs. Brooks, with her child who was less than three years of age, made the long journey from New York to the gold fields of California by way of the Isthmus of Panama, a precarious journey, indeed, for the young wife and child.

In 1853 she gave birth to twin boys; three years later a daughter was born The mother passed away shortly after her birth, and the child was adopted by a prominent and wealthy family who lived in San Francisco, California. Her name was Belle. Further record of this daughter of Charlotte Brooks is not available.

Children:

1. Ardella (Harvey[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in 1849 at Theresa, New York.

I am unable to find record or family tradition tending to give further information of the children of Harvey and Charlotte (Davis) Brooks. They probably lived and died in California.

2. Emaline Davis was born at Theresa, New York, in 1824; married Hartwell Perkins, and located at Watertown, where she died in 1876 and is buried. Without issue.

3. Sarah Ann Davis was born in December, 1826, at Theresa, New York; married, January 12, 1847, Philo Haskins. They came to Wisconsin, locating in Woodland Village. He conducted a hotel for a year and then leased a railroad eating house in the village until 1860, when they moved to Wautoma, Wisconsin.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Haskins enlisted January 10, 1862, in Company I, 18th Infantry; rank, private. He was mustered out March 14, 1863, and pensioned in 1883. He died in 1889 and was buried at Princeton, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Haskins died in 1892 and was buried at Princeton.

Children:

1. Lillian
2. Arminta
3. Milton, born December 16, 1848; died in 1848
4. Charles
5. Laura Jane
6. Sophronia
7. Jessie, born May 2, 1867; died in 1872

1. Lillian (Philo[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Watertown, New York, October 23, 1847. She came to Wisconsin with her parents in 1856, and obtained her early education at Woodland public school.

She married John Kimball, of Wisconsin. He operated a flour and feed plant at Janesville, Minnesota, until 1880-1, when he sold and entered into partnership with a friend to build a flour mill at Garnett, Minnesota. The mill was under construction when the dam was washed out, and the mill and everything connected with it was a total loss. They had invested not only their own funds, but had borrowed heavily. The dam went out March 14, 1880, and Mr. Kimball fell ill the last week in May. He died June 1, 1880, from a blood clot on the brain.

The loss of her husband and property, leaving three children to care for, was too much for Mrs. Kimball, who was in poor health, and her mind became clouded. She was placed in a sanitarium for treatment. Two years later she appeared to have regained her mental faculties and was taken by her brother, Charles Haskins, to his home. She remained there until her death in 1911, at the age of sixty-seven years, having survived her husband thirty-one years. Burial was at Princeton, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Ida (John[8], Philo[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), married and lived in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

2. Edel Kimball was reared by his father's people, family tradition affirms, and became a printer. He died in Kentucky.

3. Fred, was also cared for by his father's relatives.

4. Annie was adopted by a family living in the Black Hills, South Dakota.

The record of the Kimball children as given is the only obtainable information I have.

2. Arminta, born December 6, 1849, near Theresa, New York, came to Wisconsin in 1856. Her record is the same as that of Lillian Kimball up to her marriage to Frank Tucker. She died in Illinois in 1910, survived by four sons, two of whom have died since her death. Further record of her family is not obtainable.

4. Charles Haskins was born May 16, 1855, at Theresa, New York. In 1856 he moved to Wisconsin with his parents. Places of residence, Woodland, Wautoma, and Princeton. He married Clara E. Gilman in 1898. She died in 1909 at Princeton and was buried there.

As a son, brother, husband and father, Mr. Haskins has been especially devoted to his family, and has fulfilled the duties of life as assigned to him with cheerfulness and patience, scattering many good deeds along his path.

Children:

1. Sarah (Charles[8], Philo[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born April 27, 1899, reared and educated in Princeton. She married Kenneth Shelp, a native of Westfield, Wisconsin. Mr. Shelp has been teaching for several years, and has been very successful in his chosen career. He has been principal of the Lugerville, Wisconsin, school since September, 1926.

2. Oscar was born at Princeton, September 15, 1900. He served in France in the World War, and in 1920 he was invalided home. He was in the government hospital some time, from which he was released in July, 1923, as he appeared to be regaining his health. He lived with his father for a time at Princeton, and later became a patient at the Soldiers' Hospital in Milwaukee.

5. Laura Jane Haskins was born at Wautoma, March 29, 1860; married __ Kneeland. She died at St. Peter in 1925 or 1926, survived by three children:

1. Guy, of Portland, Oregon; unmarried.
2. Floyd.
3. Eva, of Glen Falls, N. Dakota.

6. Sophronia Belle, born April 22, 1863, at Wautoma, married

William F. Venslaff, a native of Luxemburg, Holland. Mrs. Venslaff has been a well-known resident of St. Peters for many years.

Children:

1. Herbert (William[8], Philo[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born May 15, 1888, at Burlington, Wisconsin. He served in the World War. Present place of residence, George, Iowa. Unmarried.

2. Jessie Belle, born October 13, 1892, at Wautoma, married Carl Borneman at Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Present place of residence, Aurora, Illinois.

Child:

1. William Carl (William[9], William[8], Philo[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born April 3, 1916, at St. Peter, Minnesota.

7. Jessie, son of Philo and Sarah (Davis) Haskins, was born at St. Marie, Wisconsin, May 21, 1867; died in 1872.

4. Jennie (Davis) Richard was born at Theresa, New York, in 1835. In 1849 she came to Wisconsin and taught at the Cole School that year. She returned to Theresa in 1850. Subsequently, she went to Louisiana. She was asked to accept a position in a young ladies' seminary at New Orleans, in which she taught until her marriage to J. Richard in 1868 or 1869. Miss Davis was classed as one of the most efficient and popular instructors in that section of the state.

Mr. Richard died before the birth of their daughter in 1870. The child was six weeks old when Mrs. Richard came to her sister at Osceola, Iowa. Her mother was living with Mrs. Magill at that time. Eventually Mrs. Richard went to San Francisco, California, and died there in 1893 after a short illness. She was buried in one of the city cemeteries.

Child:

1. Laura (Richard[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4] Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at New Orleans in 1870. She lost her father before her birth, and her mother at the age of twenty-three.

The following article concerning Miss Laura Richard has been copied from the San Francisco Examiner, published in 1898-99:

> "The Cinderella, seven inches; a little foot of that size is no longer than the average man's hand. Miss Laura Richard, who owns these little feet, is in everything except the matter of birth, a Californian. She was born in Louisiana and came to San Francisco when a little child (one and one-half years old). She is a graduate of the High School, also of California Kindergarten Training School, where she learned the kindergarten methods under the tutelage of Kate Douglas Wiggins.
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> "In the busy active life of a kindergartener, for she is now a teacher in a mission kindergarten, her little seven inch feet

serve her very well, and have been, besides, the source of much merriment between her and her pupils. She wears a child's No. 12; many of her pupils wear larger. She was properly surprised when she was told of her's being the prize-winning feet, the winner of the silver toilet set. Miss Richard has written a card of thanks to the editor which we have printed and inserted in the form of the foot."

Laura Richard married John Stubens on April 15, 1906, at San Francisco, and had left the city four days before the earthquake on their honeymoon. They were at Viatia, California. Mrs. Stubens had left the greater part of her wardrobe, all of her books, and papers in storage until her return.

Mr. Stubens was a mining engineer employed at Bullfrog, Nevada. Mrs. Stubens contracted malaria at Bullfrog, Nevada, and was taken to San Francisco for medical treatment. She passed away a few weeks later from childbirth; mother and child are buried beside her mother at San Francisco, California.

5. Horace, only son of John and Mahala Davis, was born at Theresa, New York, in 1837. He was seventeen when he came to Wisconsin and settled with his parents on a farm in Princeton Township, Green Lake County.

It is said that he possessed a distinguished and unerring mathematical mind, also that he had been an inventor of note. His failure to have one of his inventions patented before making it known to the public, so that it was copied by others, was a financial loss to him.

He married Martha Smith, of Omro, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Emily 2. Willard 3. Frank 4. Carrie

1. Emily (Horace^{7}, John^{6}, Banjamin^{5}, Benjamin^{4}, Sylvester^{3}, John^{2}, John^{1}) was born in October, 1864, in Green Lake County, Wisconsin; married Fred Belcher. They have a daughter, Grace, born at Berlin, Wisconsin. This is the only obtainable record I have of Emily and daughter.

2. Willard, born March 7, 1866, near Princeton, Wisconsin, was six months old when he moved to Berlin, same state, with his parents. He received his education in Berlin. He moved to Watertown in 1887.

Mr. Davis married Lydia Sanick on June 23, 1892, daughter of August and Margaret (Tank) Sanick. They moved to Milwaukee in 1891, their present place of residence. Mr. Davis is rated a first-class machinist.

Child:

1. Harry Leonard (Willard^{8}, Horace^{7}, John^{6}, Benjamin^{5}, Benjamin^{4}, Sylvester^{3}, John^{2}, John^{1}) was born July 13, 1893, at Watertown, Wisconsin; married Elizabeth Blair. Occupation: salesman.

Children:

1. John Blair (Harry[9], Willard[8], Horace[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in Los Angeles, California, October 12, 1917.

2. Donald was born December 7, 1920, at Los Angeles, California.

3. Frank was born May 3, 1869, at Berlin, Wisconsin; married Carrie Maffat. They are living at Beloit, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Merle 2. Kenneth

4. Carrie was born at Berlin, Wisconsin, in 1879. She married Frank Davis and moved to Washington, D. C.; date of death not known.

6. Sophronia Betsy Davis was born September 23, 1839, at Theresa, New York. Her education was acquired in the schools in Jefferson County. She was twelve years old when her parents moved to Watertown, thirteen on their removal to Alexander Bay, and fifteen when they came to Wisconsin in 1854.

On April 3, 1864, she married William Magill. He was serving in the Civil War at the time, having enlisted February 26, 1864, and they were married while he was home on a furlough. Mrs. Magill remained with her parents.

Mr. Magill enlisted at Princeton, Wisconsin, in Company F, 36th Wisconsin Volunteers Infantry, under Captain Prescott B. Burwell, who died at Cole Harbor and was succeeded by Oliver N. Russell. Their Colonel was Frank Haskell. Mr. Magill was First Corporal and was later promoted to Sergeant. His regiment was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox. He received honorable discharge at the close of the war.

In 1903 he was killed in a railroad accident. The shock of her husband's sudden death undermined Mrs. Magill's health and she failed gradually both mentally and physically. She passed away February 18, 1922, in her eighty-second year, after an illness of nineteen years. After the death of her husband, she made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Alfred Booth, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who gave her unceasing care and attention.

She was buried at her former home in Mantorville, Minnesota, beside her husband.

Children:

1. Jennie May 2. Emma Blanch 3. Jessie

1. Jennie May (William[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Princeton, Wisconsin, April 26, 1866. A few years later she moved to Osceola, Iowa, with her parents. They returned to Princeton in 1873 and remained there until 1877 or 1878. Their next place of residence was New Chester, Wisconsin. Jennie obtained her preliminary education at Princeton,

and later attended the rural schools at New Chester, completing her school work at Westfield High School, Wisconsin.

Miss Magill married in 1888, Alfred Booth, a native of Westfield, born May 16, 1861, son of Walter Bulkelry and Ann Eliza (Banner) Booth. Mr. Booth is a telegrapher, having been with the Western Union twenty-six years and with various other offices seven years.

Mrs. Booth has achieved a reputation as an artist of unusual talent. Her paintings, "Gethsemane" and "Rock of Ages," were given to the church of which they are members. The "Pictured Rocks" of Lake Superior and "Auld Lang Syne" have been highly praised by competent judges, who have pronounced the paintings exceptionally fine. Her "Greek Decorator," painted on tapestry, shows extraordinary talent. Without issue.

2. Emma Blanch, born at Osceola, Iowa, August 20, 1872, attended school at Princeton, and Westfield, Wisconsin, from 1885 to 1889. She served with the United States Pension Agency from 1889 to 1893.

Miss Magill married Fred J. Buckley, born at Madison, Wisconsin, November 19, 1868, son of William and Jane (Phalan) Buckley. He is a salesman.

Children:

1. William Paul (Fred[8], William[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born October 29, 1901, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from the grade schools with the Class of 1920.

2. Margaret Louise was born October 29, 1910, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She graduated from the grade schools with the Class of 1924, and from North Milwaukee High School in 1928. She was chosen for the leading part in the class play. Her strong personality and attainments in scholarship have made her deservedly popular.

3. Jessie, only son of William and Sophronia Magill, was born at Princeton, Wisconsin, January 10, 1876. His principal schooling was obtained at Westfield, Wisconsin, and Mantorville, Minnesota. He was a telegraph operator nineteen years for the Duluth, Mesaba and Northern Railroad at Kernan, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

He married Clara Edith Sanford at Mantorville on February 6, 1902.

Mr. Magill was a man of genial disposition and was held in high esteem as a loyal friend and dependable citizen.

He died suddenly at his home in Hibbing, Minn., September 14, 1924, and was buried there.

Children:

1. Bessie 2. Marian 3. Sanford 4. Marjory

1. Bessie Caleneh (Jessie[8], William[7], John[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born November 11, 1902, at

Pembina, Minnesota. She attended the school at Forbs, later entering the high school at Virginia and then at Hibbing, Minnesota. She also attended the Virginia Teachers' Normal, after which she taught in the seventh and eighth grades at Brookston, Minnesota.

She married Henry Burlin at Iron Junction, Minnesota, December 25, 1926. He is a veteran conductor on the Duluth, Mesaba and Northern Railway. Their honeymoon was spent at Long Beach, California, from January to April, 1927.

2. Marian Edith, born at Kernan, St. Louis County, Minnesota, May 7, 1907, studied first at Forbs and then at the Virginia and Hibbing High Schools. After graduation from the Duluth Teachers' Normal, she engaged in educational work.

3. Jessie Sanford was born April 26, 1911, at Kernan.

4. Marjory was born August 20, 1916.

7. Frances, seventh child of John and Mahala (Cole) Davis, was born on Easter Sunday, April 8, 1847, at Watertown, New York. She came west in 1854. In 1865 or 1866 she married Mr. Whisker at Princeton, Wisconsin. They were living at Princeton as late as 1868 or 1869, and at Neshkora, Wisconsin, in 1873 or 1874. They had three children, who were born in Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Mary Mahala was born at Princeton, Wisconsin, in 1868 or 1869.

2. Maud was born at Princeton in 1870; died at the age of sixteen of tuberculosis.

3. Bert was born at Neshkora in 1873 or 1874.

The family moved to Lima, New York, after the birth of the third child. There were several children born at Lima.

VII. Ira Simon Brown Cole, fifth son of Benjamin and Charlotte Cole, was born July 15, 1805, near Pamilia 4 Corners, New York. He attended the Cole School in the district in which he lived—and where fourteen of Benjamin's family of fifteen were educated.

He married Rachel Shimmil in 1825; her parents were born in Holland. Ira and his wife established their home near Theresa, where they engaged in farming until 1844. He moved to Norwich, London District, Ontario, Canada. In 1847, he emigrated to Wisconsin, at that time a territory, and settled at Classons Prairie. The following year he came into possession of one hundred and twenty acres of land in the Township of Herman, Wisconsin, a gift from his father. He built a log house, cleared the land, and became a pioneer farmer. He lived there until the death of his wife, March 10, 1882, after which he made his home with a daughter in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, until his death, March 20, 1895—lacking only four months of being eighty-five years old. Burial was in Cole Cemetery, Herman Township, Wisconsin.

Mr. Cole possessed the characteristics of his forefathers and was noted for his genial disposition and ready wit.

Children:

1. Charlotte Marie
2. Sabra Jane
3. Mary, died in infancy
4. Edwin
5. Elizabeth Catherine
6. Ira Benjamin
7. Esther

1. Charlotte Marie (Ira[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born at Theresa, New York, April 28, 1827. She was seventeen when her parents emigrated to Canada, and nineteen when she came to Wisconsin, where she married Abraham Losee, August 31, 1852. Mr. Losee was born in Canada, of English and Quaker parentage. He was a progressive farmer and owned a fine farm, with substantial barns and other buildings for storing the harvests. Mrs. Losee died July 21, 1916, at Omro, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Adah (Abraham[7], Ira[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born May 21, 1853, at the Losee homestead, Herman Township, Wisconsin. She died at the home of her sister at Omro, February 24, 1925, at the age of sixty-four years, and was buried at Omro. Unmarried.

2. Mary Arabella was born at Woodland, Wisconsin, January 25, 1857; married William Ward, September 2, 1886.

Children:

1. Esther (William[8], Abraham[7], Ira[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born July 29, 1887.

2. Ray was born November 5, 1887.

3. Hattie was born August 7, 1893.

All were born in Woodland, Wisconsin; present place of residence (1927), Omro, Wisconsin.

2. Sabra Jane was born September 9, 1830, near Theresa, New York, where she lived the first fourteen years of her life. The next two years she resided in Canada with her parents. In 1846 the family came to Wisconsin Territory, locating at Classon Prairie, near Beaver Dam, where they lived one year. The following year they settled in Herman Township.

She married Charles Keyser December 31, 1857. Mr. Keyser was born in Herkimer County, New York, in 1811, the son of Michael and Barbara Schell Keyser. He was engaged in educational work in Jefferson County, New York, before coming to Wisconsin; he also taught in Dodge County, Wisconsin, prior to his marriage. Later he became a farmer.

On September 3, 1881, Mr. Keyser was walking along the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad tracks, on his way to Woodland Village, when a freight train, backing from Iron Ridge to the village to take water, ran into him. When he was found, he said "Raise me up quickly or I will die," and passed away. He was badly bruised about his body and his chest was crushed. Being quite deaf, he had not heard the warning whistle of the approaching train. As he was on railroad property, they were not responsible for his death. He was seventy years old when death claimed him; burial was in the Cole Cemetery at Herman Township, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Keyser died Friday, March 13, 1914, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Klein.

Excerpts from Mrs. Keyser's obituary:

> "Mrs. Keyser was a woman of sterling worth and one of the fast disappearing pioneers of Wisconsin. She came of a long lived family, and during the fourscore years of her life witnessed many changes, seeing the country develop from a wilderness to a prosperous and beautiful land. She leaves many friends to honor the memory of a well-spent life."
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> "Mrs. Keyser died at the home of her only daughter, Mrs. Edith Klein, Friday, March 13, 1914, caused by the disability of old age. Funeral services were held at the Cole Schoolhouse, and conducted by Rev. Lugg, pastor of the Neosho Methodist Church."

She was buried by the side of her husband, who had predeceased her thirty-two years.

Children:

1. Cassus (Charles[7], Ira[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at the old homestead in Herman Township, Wisconsin, June 12, 1861. He acquired most of his education at the Cole School near his home.

He married Margaret Metzgar on September 10, 1882. Mr. Keyser has resided near Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, since his marriage. Farming is his life occupation.

Children:

1. Charles (Cassus[8], Charles[7], Ira[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born near Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, in September, 1883; married Theresa Lenty, in October, 1908, at Theresa, Wisconsin. Without issue.

2. Arthur was born in June, 1887, near Beaver Dam; married Verna Muchle in September, 1922.

Child:

1. Merlin (Arthur[9], Cassus[8], Charles[7], Ira[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in November, 1924.

2. Wilbur, second son of Charles and Sabra (Cole) Keyser, was born at the homestead; married, and has one son, Glendon.

3. Edith May was born Tuesday, May 11, 1869, at the Keyser homestead in Herman Township, Wisconsin. At an early age she attended the Cole School in the Cole Settlement, where she obtained all of the educational advantages available at that time. She was a bright and attractive young lady.

She married Nicholas Klein, October 15, 1903, son of Peter and Mary Klein, pioneers of Dodge County. Mr. Klein was a prosperous and much respected farmer of Herman Township. His death occurred at his home March 27, 1926, after a short illness, which only a few of his friends were aware of before he had passed away.

Mrs. Klein has been a member of the school board in the Cole Settlement for many years. She recently sold the homestead and other property, but will reside in the same section of the state; she has lived in that Township forty-eight years.

Children:

1. Frank Edgar 2. Charles Leslie 3. Lloyd Clarence

1. Frank Edgar (Nicholas[8], Charles[7], Ira[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born April 29, 1905, in Herman Township. He was a Cole School scholar until well along in boyhood.

2. Charles Leslie was born at the Klein homestead July 22, 1906; he attended the Cole School and Horicon High School in Dodge County.

3. Lloyd Clarence was born August 23, 1907. He attended the Cole School in the vicinity of his home, and after completing the required course of study, entered the Horicon High School in Dodge County.

4. Edwin H. Cole was born in the vicinity of Pamilia 4 Corners, New York, in 1832. He was twelve years old when his parents moved to Canada, where they settled in Norwich, and he was fourteen when they came to Wisconsin. He was living in Herman Township when the Civil War was declared and enlisted August 11, 1862, in Company I, 29th Wisconsin Infantry, from Herman Township, Dodge County, Wisconsin, with the rank of 1st Corporal, later promoted to 1st Lieutenant; mustered out June 22, 1865, at Madison, Wisconsin.

A few years later he went to Greentop, Missouri, where he married; there are two sons:

Children:

1. Ray (Edwin[7], Ira[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).
2. Walter, married; has a son.

Edwin died in 1890 at Greentop, Missouri, at the age of sixty-eight. This record of Mr. Cole and his family is the only obtainable information I have.

5. Elizabeth Cathrine, usually called "Betsy," was born at Pamilia 4 Corners, New York. She married Cassus Moody in Wisconsin. They lived in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where she died and was buried. Further information is not available. Without issue.

6. Ira Benjamin was born March 15, 1841, in Pamilia 4 Corners, New York. He was three years old when his parents moved to Norwich, Canada, and five when they moved to Wisconsin. He married, in 18____, Jane Conely. They settled on a farm near his parents, and built a frame two-story house, one of the few in that region. Dr. Cole was a veterinarian in addition to his farming. Mrs. Cole died in 1911, and the doctor May 15, 1920, at the age of seventy-nine years. They are buried in the Cole Cemetery.

Children:

1. Charlotte C. 2. Homer G. 3. Carrie 4. Sherman

1. Charlotte C. (Ira[7], Ira[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in 1859 in Herman Township, Wisconsin; married John Martz, November 25, 1891.

Children:

1. Benjamin (John[8], Ira[7], Ira[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born 18__; married Florence Cheeny; without issue.
2. Clara, married A. Scharee.

Children:

1. Harland, was born in 1910.
2. Marian, was born in 1911.
3. Ralph, was born in 1913.
4. Donald, was born in 1914.
5. Doris Esther, was born in 1915.

3. Grace J., married Wm. Witty.

Child:

1. Jane Charlotte, was born in 1923 at Hartford, Wisconsin.

4. Esther, born February 14, 1903.

3. Carrie was born in 1865 at the Cole homestead. She has been nurse and companion to an invalid lady at Hartford, Wis., since the death of her father in 1920. This occupation is one for which she is well fitted, having been housekeeper and nurse during the long illness of her mother. Unmarried.

4. Sherman Yale Cole was born May 30, 1866; died March 17, 1894, at the age of 26 years, 9 months, and 28 days. Unmarried.

Epitaph:

"Green be the turf above, friend of our better days.
None knew thee but to praise".

7. Esther, born July 9, 1842, at Theresa, Jefferson County, N. Y., was two years old when her parents moved to Norwich, Canada. The family emigrated to Wisconsin Territory in 1846. A year later they located on their homestead. Esther attended the Cole School for several years. She died in 1865, of tuberculosis, at the age of twenty-three. Her remains rest in the Cole Cemetery. Unmarried.

VIII. Benjamin Adam, eighth child and sixth son of Benjamin and Charlotte Cole, was born Sunday, April 5, 1807, at the Cole homestead near Pamilia 4 Corners, N. Y. He was the seventh of the family of fifteen to obtain an education at the common school in the Cole District. Born and reared on a farm, he followed the occupation of an agriculturist all his active life.

Benjamin was well liked as a child, boy, and man—never forgetting a favor nor cherishing an enmity, but always cordial and strong in his friendship. His amusing wit and humor were ever ready.

He married in 1825-26, Mary Keyser, born May 7, 1807, in Mohawk Valley, Herkimer Co., N. Y., and moved to Jefferson Co., LeRay Township, same state, at the age of seven. She was the daughter of Michael B. and Barbara (Schell) Keyser. Mrs. Keyser was born at Schell's Bush in 1772, the daughter of John Christian and Maria Schell.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole lived with her parents on the Keyser farm, in the Keyser District, all their lives, with the exception of two years and three months at Pamilia 4 Corners, from 1874 to 1877.

The Keyser homestead was, and is now, a valuable and desirable property. For ninety years it has been the home of Michael Keyser's descendants. This land lies in LeRay Township, Jefferson Co., N. Y.

Benjamin Cole died January 2, 1888, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife died January 4, 1890, at the Keyser homestead. Both are buried at Evans Mills, Jefferson Co., N. Y.

Children:

1. Chester Harrison
2. Maria A.
3. Lucinda E.
4. Charles E.
5. Charlotte A.
6. Betsy A.
7. Benjamin LeRay
8. Elva

All were born at the Keyser homestead and attended the Keyser School.

1. Chester Harrison (Banjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born October 3, 1827; married Sarah ------, who died in 1877. Chester died in January, 1876, at the home of his parents at Pamilia 4 Corners, and was buried at Watertown. N. Y.

Child:

1. Charles (Chester[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born at Pamilia 4 Corners, N. Y., in 1866; died and buried at Evans Mills, N. Y.

2. Maria A., born April 14, 1829, commenced her education at the age of five. An apt pupil and fond of books, she soon gained the

highest standing in every branch taught in the school. She qualified as a teacher at an early age, and taught near Auburn, N. Y., where she met and married Franklin Fowler, July 21, 1852.

They came West in 1856 and located at Rubicon, Wis. Mr. Fowler followed his trade as carpenter and builder for seven years. On August 1, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, 24th Wisconsin Infantry. He was seriously wounded at the Battle of Windstone River, Tenn., and was discharged for disability at the end of nine months' service, May 5, 1863.

The family removed to Lowville, N. Y., soon after the birth of a son and the death of their only daughter, a child of three. Mr. Fowler joined his family in New York in May, 1863. The wound had so affected both limbs that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. Doctors pronounced his condition incurable. Having a family to support, and being a naturally active and energetic man, he believed that he could make a comfortable living in a thickly settled community as a traveling salesman for various articles with a ready sale. He had lost all hope of ever regaining the use of his limbs, but in an incredibly short time the paralyzed limbs regained strength and he was able to carry on his trade. Only when it was necessary to use a ladder, did he need assistance.

Not long after the supernatural cure, he enlisted in the New York 44th Cavalry and served until the close of the war.

In 1866 the Fowlers returned to Wisconsin. It is thought that they remained at Rubicon for a short while. Soon thereafter Mr. Fowler purchased a farm in Sextonville, Richland Center, and did this work in addition to his carpentry.

He died at the homestead in 1897, and was buried in the Richland Center Cemetery.

Mrs. Fowler was an ardent "Woman Suffragette" and was an officer in the Woman's Suffrage Association. She was a reader of the best literature, which kept her abreast of all current events of the day. Her strong personality won many friends, who mourned her tragic death, April 9, 1906, at Los Angeles, Calif., caused by a street car accident. Mrs. Fowler was buried beside her husband in the Richland Center Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were Unitarians.

NOTE: Mrs. Fowler and son, Edgar, were guests of her cousin, at Woodland, Wis., when the child fell into a pond. Mrs. Fraser waded in and caught him by his hair as he came up. It was a courageous deed as Mrs. Fraser was unable to swim.

Eight years later she died of smallpox. The cousins were living far apart but as soon as the family was out of quarantine, Mrs. Fowler with her youngest child visited the five motherless children. She taught the older ones to cook and care for the younger children. Aunt Marie, as we always called her has ever been held in loving remembrance by the family.

A friend once asked if she hadn't taken a great risk, "No greater than Cynthia's when she risked her life to save my boy."

Children:

1. Frank
2. Edgar Eugene
3. Irwin Scott
4. Elva
5. Chester A.

1. Frank (Franklin[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born March 17, 1854, in New York, came to Wisconsin in 1865 with his parents on their second emigration. He may have attended school in New York, and for a short time at Rubicon, Wis. In 1866 he was living at or near Sextonville with his parents and had entered the high school.

He engaged in educational work as principal of the Pittsville High School for three years. In 1904 he was superintendent of mines in Oregon. Prior to this, he had established and conducted a business college at Wausau, Wis.

Mr. Fowler died at Holland, Ore., in 1904, and was buried at Kerby. Unmarried.

2. Edgar Eugene was born February 22, 1855, in New York, and came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1856. His primary education was acquired in the Rubicon school. He accompanied his mother to Lowville, N. Y., in 1863 and attended the schools there until the spring of 1866, when the family returned to Wisconsin.

I am uncertain as to their first place of residence in Wisconsin. That they were living near Sextonville, Richland Center, in 1866, I am certain. Edgar attended the grade and high schools there.

As principal of the New Lisbon High School (Wisconsin), Mr. Fowler won high honors for both the high degree of his scholastic acquirements and the tact with which he succeeded in developing the minds of his pupils. He had learned in early youth that the surest way to success is through untiring perseverance.

He married, June 30, 1885, Nellie A. Smith, of New Lisbon.

Mr. Fowler had been in poor health for some time and was living in retirement at Miami, Fla., when he died, May 5, 1922. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

Children:

1. Elva 2. Margery 3. Elizabeth

1. Elva (Edgar[8], Franklin[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at New Lisbon, Wis. She was one of the many who lost their lives in the Iroquois Theater fire at Chicago, Ill., December 1, 1903.

2. Margery was born at New Lisbon, Wis. She married Dr. John Cook Grayson Fitzhugh, born February 6, 1884, at Culpepper, Va. Profession: dentist.

Children:

1. Marjorie Jane 2. John Grayson 3. Virginia Ann

1. Marjorie Jane (John[9], Edgar[8], Franklin[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born August 10, 1913.

2. John Grayson was born June 14, 1916.

3. Virginia Ann was born March 17, 1921.

Their birthplace is McKeesport, Pa.

3. Elizabeth married C. H. McGrath. They reside at South Orange, N. J.

Child:

1. Charles Richards (Charles[9], Edgar[8], Franklin[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).

3. Irvin Scott Fowler, born near Woodland, Wis., October 19, 1857, remained in New York when his parents came West the second time in 1866. He has not been heard of for forty or more years and it is not known whether he is living.

4. Elva, only daughter of Franklin and Maria Fowler, was born at Rubicon, June 6, 1860; died, January 13, 1863.

5. Chester A. was born at Rubicon, Wis., December 24, 1862. At the age of two and a half years he was taken to New York, where he remained until 1866. He grew to manhood near Sextonville, Richland Center, attending the grammar and high schools there. After his graduation from the Wisconsin State Normal, at Whitewater, he was principal of the schools at East Troy and Wonewoc.

He entered the law department of the University of Wisconsin, from which he was graduated in June, 18__. Upon receiving his degree, he was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court and began practicing at Omaha, Neb. Five years later he returned to Portage, Wis. Soon after he took up his residence at Omaha, he married Carrie Julia Smith, of East Troy, daughter of Charles Warren and Mary Buell (Edwards) Smith.

He built up a reputation as an able and trustworthy lawyer and was a leader of the Columbia County bar for fourteen years. During his residence in Portage he served for six years as City Attorney.

The following record is copied from the History of Wisconsin, Vol. VIII:

Judge Chester A. Fowler.

"In 1904 the legislature created the eighteenth Judicial Circuit, comprising the Counties of Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Columbia, and Adams. The first choice for judge of this circuit fell upon Chester A. Fowler, at that time a prominent attorney of Portage, and who since 1909, has had his home in Fond du Lac. Both as a judge and a jurist Judge Fowler holds a high place in the Wisconsin bar, and his attainments are the result of a sound native ability and a thorough development in the school of practical experience. He was chosen from the ranks of the Columbia County bar to fill the office of Circuit Judge in the newly created eighteenth, in 1905, and has now presided over the bench for eight years, and later chosen by his brother judges the first chairman of the Board of Circuit Judges created by the 1913 legislature."

He has a record of many years of high affairs, during which time he has gained recognition as a man of unusual talent.

Children:

1. Dwight Smith, 2. Mary Lucile, born at Omaha, Neb., September 24, 1893. (Chester[8], Franklin[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1].) came with their parents to Portage, Wis., where they received their primary education at the public schools. The fall of 1909 they moved to Fond du Lac, Wis., and were graduated from the high school of that city in 1912. They entered the University of Wisconsin that year. Dwight received a B. S. degree in Civil Engineering in 1917.

He enlisted, September 6, 1917, in the 503rd Engineers at Camp Grant. He was sent almost immediately to Camp Meritt, from which point his regiment embarked for France, being among the first American Engineers to reach France (December 4, 1917). Dwight served until the close of the war. He left France, May 12, 1919, and landed May 23. Mustered out May 29, 1919.

He was later employed by the Consulting Municipal Engineers at Watertown, Wis.

He married, September 6, 1920, Lois Arlene, of Madison, Wis., daughter of Everett and Florence (Black) Burlingame. They moved to Ottawa, Ill., where he was employed by the Illinois Highway Commission for two years. Returning to Watertown, he became affiliated with the Consulting Engineering Corporation, which had branches throughout the state. He is now associated with the Wisconsin Power & Light Company at Madison, Wis.

Children:

1. Marian Lois (Dwight[9], Chester[8], Franklin[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Madison, December 11, 1924, and passed away the 13th. Burial at Fond du Lac, Wis.

2. Nancy Burlingame, born April 30, 1926, at Madison, Wis.

NOTE: See record of Vern and Mary (Fowler) Boynton for full record of daughter of Chester and Carrie J. Fowler.

3. Lucinda E., born February 3, 1832, married Oliver Baum, of Jefferson Co., N. Y. She died in April, 1869, and was buried at Marathon, Courtland Co., N. Y. The only obtainable information I have of her two children is that their names were Jennie and Mary.

4. Charles E. was born August 20, 1836, and married, March 17, 1857, Marian L. Zimmerman, born in 1839. Mrs. Cole is entitled to octogenarian honors, having passed her eighty-ninth birthday. She retains her mental faculties to a remarkable degree. Mrs. Cole is living on the homestead, which is four miles from Pulaski, N. Y. Her husband died December 24, 1918, and was buried at Pulaski.

Children:

1. Ada 2. Charlotte

1. Ada M. (Charles[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born May 17, 1867, at the Keyser homestead, Keyser District, Jefferson Co., N. Y. She married, September 10, 1884, Smily James Hewitt. Mr. Hewitt died very suddenly, May 28, 1923, in front of his store. A heart attack was given as the cause of his death.

Mr. Hewitt had been a prominent business man in the city for several years, and was held in high esteem for his reliability and scrupulous integrity. He was survived by his widow, two daughters, four granddaughters, one grandson, and a great-granddaughter.

Children:

1. Ethel Marion 2. Letty Ann

1. Ethel Marion (Smily[8], Charles[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born March 3, 1886, at the Keyser homestead, Keyser District, township, LeRay, Jefferson Co., N. Y.; married Nate Wilbur. Place of residence, Pulaski, N. Y. Church: Congregational.

Children:

1. Colette Venita (Nate[9], Smily[8], Charles[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born at Watertown, N. Y., March 25, 1904; married, August 18, 1920, Laurence C. Skinner. Places of residence, Watertown, Pulaski, and Syracuse, N. Y. Mrs. Skinner is a member of the Congregational Church at Pulaski.

Children:

1. Venita Louise 3. Shirley Grace
2. Marian Ann 4. Charles Wendel

1. Venita Louise (Laurence[10], Nate[9], Smily[8], Charles[7], Benjamin[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born at Pulaski, N. Y., October 4, 1921.

2. Marian Ann, born March 26, 1923, at Pulaski.

3. Shirley Grace, born April 6, 1924, at Pulaski.

4. Charles Wendel, born June 10, 1926, at Watertown, N. Y.

2. Ada Louise, daughter of Nate and Ethel Wilbur, was born March 7, 1907, at Watertown, N. Y.; present place of residence, Pulaski, N. Y. Miss Wilbur is a communicant of the Congregational Church, and is also associated with the Veterans of the Civil War organization.

2. Letty Ann, daughter of Smily and Ada (Cole) Hewitt, was born February 24, 1888, in Jefferson Co., near Philadelphia, N. Y. She married Leon L'Peo. They are residents of Cape Vincent, N. Y. Church: Episcopal.

Child:

1. Reba Marian (Leon[9], Smily[8], Charles[7], Benjamin[6],

Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born March 11, 1909, at Cape Vincent, N. Y.

2. Charlotte, second child of Charles and Marian (Zimmerman) Cole, was born on the Michael and Barbara (Schell) Keyser homestead, July 29, 1870; married, September 16, 1896; passed away January 3, 1903, at the age of thirty-three. Her daughter, born June 9, 1898, was five when her mother was called. The child was reared by her mother's grandparents with whom she has lived since. She married Mr. Martin. Mrs. Marian (Cole) Martin and grandmother are living on the Charles Cole homestead, four miles from Pulaski.

5. Charlotte A. Cole, born July 20, 1838, married Eugene Vebber. She visited relatives in Wisconsin in 1894 and 1898. While here she was engaged in collecting data to be used in compiling the genealogy of the ancestors of her father, Benjamin A. Cole. She was unable to continue the work because of sickness. The date of her return to New York is uncertain. She died in November, 1908, at the age of seventy, and was buried at Evans Mill. Without issue.

6. Betsy A., born May 10, 1841; married, in February, 1864, Pitt Pennell. She died June 8, 1866, and was buried at Evans Mill, Jefferson Co., N. Y. Without issue.

7. Elva M., born January 4, 18 ; married Meacy Graves, January 4, 18 . She died in May, 1864, at the age of twenty-three; her baby died a few hours before and they were buried together at Evans Mill Cemetery.

8. Benjamin LeRay, born August 13, 1845; died in September, 1847. He was buried on the Keyser homestead beside his grandfather, Michael Keyser.

IX. Charlotte (Cole) Keyser, third daughter, and ninth child of Benjamin and Charlotte Cole, was born Tuesday, December 20, 1808, at the Cole homestead near Pamilia 4 Corners, Jefferson County, New York. She was the eighth of a family of fifteen children to attend the district school near their home.

Her tastes were strongly domestic, and only on rare occasions was she known to be away from home. She was twenty-six years old when she married Adam Keyser, son of a prosperous farmer and a resident of the township in which she lived. His boyhood was much the same as that of the average boy of the period. His education was gained at the Keyser School, in the Keyser district near their homestead; it was a very good school for the times. His vacations were spent in the tasks incident to farm life.

Before his marriage, Mr. Keyser purchased a farm with a comfortable house and other buildings, at Limerick, Brownville Township, Jefferson County. He was well versed in good management and care of the farm and stock, so that eventually he became quite prosperous and as well financially situated as the average farmer in the community.

In the fall of 1848 they sold their property in Limerick and joined their parents in Wisconsin. Benjamin, father of Charlotte, had built a double two-story log house for two families; evidently he had expected his daughter and her family to remove to Wisconsin and occupy the unused suite of rooms. In 1851 Mr. Cole left the management of the place to Mr. Keyser, and the house to his daughter. Before he died in 1852, the property was given to them and they were to care for their parents and brother. They lived on the homestead eleven years. After Mr. Cole and his wife passed away, they sold the property and moved to Pierce County, Wisconsin, where they purchased land for two sons, a son-in-law, and themselves. The land lay in a heavily timbered part of the county; the trees were of hard wood and stood close together. Farming in this densely timbered forest meant the most difficult labor for the pioneers—who laid the foundation for a productive agricultural section of the state, and then passed on, leaving for the coming generations the fruits of their labor.

Until a short time before his death, Mr. Keyser was apparently in good health and was busy about the farm. The family were not aware of the seriousness of his illness until death claimed him. He passed away in 1872, at the age of sixty-seven, of cancer of the liver.

Mrs. Keyser remained on the homestead with a son and his two children, who had made their home with them before the death of her husband.

Mrs. Keyser possessed a remarkable memory, so tenacious that rarely, if ever, did she lose or forget any material part of the history of her father's people; once heard, it was never forgotten. She was always cheerful and kind, charitable and generous in her hospitality, and loved by all that came within her sphere. She was an invalid several years, yet lived to be eighty-three.

Mrs. Keyser died in 1891, predeceased by her husband nineteen years. Her remains were laid by the side of her husband and her brother John in the old cemetery south of Rock Elm, where their graves are marked with tombstones. They were affiliated with the Methodist Church.

LINEAGE OF ADAM KEYSER

Adam was born in 1805 in the Mohawk Valley, Herkimer County, New York, the first child of Michael B. and Barbara (Schell) Keyser. His father, born on February 8, 1778, and married in Herkimer County, was the son of Peter and Marjetia (Schell) Keyser, who were born in Pennsylvania. Their parents were born near Amsterdam, South Holland. Peter's forebears were educated people who took an active part in the early history of that section of Holland. His parents emigrated to the Colonies in 1732, and Marjetia came the same year. They were married, tradition affirms, in Herkimer County prior to 1778.

The mother of Adam was Barbara Schell, born at "Schell's Bush" in 1772, the daughter of Hannes Krist (or John Christian) Schell, who was born in 1725 or 1730 at the home of his parents on the Rhine, in the city of Baden-Baden, in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany. He, with his brother Hannes (John), came to the Colonies in the early fifties. John Christian married, in 1755, Maria Schell, born in Mohawk Valley in 1735 or 1737.

They settled on a large tract of land four miles from Herkimer Village at a place still called "Schell's Bush," in Tyron County, New York. Here he built a strong block house, where Barbara, the mother of Adam, was born in 1772. She was ten when the Indians and Tories made an attack on the home at "Schell's Bush." The daughters had remained at Fort Dayton, four miles from the homestead. The brothers and sisters of Barbara were:

Denis, born 1756; died 1782.
John Christian, born 1759.
Fredrick, born 1762.
Eve, born 1765.
Mary Catherine, born 1768.
Henry and Mark, born 1770.

The children of Michael and Barbara were:

1. Adam, married Charlotte Cole (grandmother of the writer).

2. Mary, born in 1807, married Benjamin Adam Cole, the brother of Charlotte Cole.

3. Charles, born in 1811, married Sabra Cole, daughter of Ira S. B. Cole, son of Benjamin and Charlotte Cole.

In 1814, Michael and Barbara, with their three children, moved to Jefferson County, New York. They bought land, at that time a wilderness, which he cleared, cultivated, and set out fruit trees. He built a log house, to which a frame addition was made later. The place is still called Keyser farm, Keyser district, and Keyser school.

Mr. Keyser died February 8, 1847, at the age of sixty-nine years and four months. He had selected his burial site in the orchard under a favorite apple tree which he had planted. He lived on the homestead thirty-three years. Barbara died June 17, 1856 at the age of eighty-four years and eight months, and was buried beside her husband, who had predeceased her ten years. Their tombstones bear the following inscriptions:

Michael B. Keyser
died
Feb. 8, 1847
Age 69 years, 4 months

Barbara Keyser
His wife, died
June 17, 1856, age
84 years, 8 months

(Mrs. Ada (Cole) Hewitt, great-granddaughter of Michael and Barbara Keyser, visited the Keyser farm in 1923 and copied the above inscriptions from their headstones.)

See Appendix A for history of the Schells.

See Appendix B for the Ballad of Schells.

Children:

1. Wells Wm.
2. Edward C.
3. Cynthia J.
4. Charlotte A.
5. Chester S.

1. Wells Wm. (Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in Limerick, New York, in 1827; came to Wisconsin in 1848; married Mary J. Fox in 1860, daughter of Wm. and Catherine Fox. In 1864 he moved to Pierce County, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming until 1871-72. He and his children lived at the home of his parents until they passed away, his father in 1872 and his mother in 1891. He and his two children remained on the homestead until a short time prior to his death, when he was taken to the home of his daughter. He died there in 1895 and was buried in Poplar Hill Cemetery, Rock Elm, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Byron Jessie (Wells[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Syl-

vester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born near Woodland, Wisconsin, in 1861; died at the Keyser homestead in 1895, at the age of thirty-four years. He was buried beside his father at Poplar Hill Cemetery. Unmarried.

2. Cora was born in Pierce County, near Rock Elm, in 1870. She obtained her education at Rock Elm public school. On November 11, 1887, she married Arthur Betterly, a native of Coopertown, New York. Occupation, carpenter; present place of residence, River Falls, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Ray L.
2. Florence
3. Clarence
4. Effie
5. Gladys
6. Arthur
7. Grace
8. Herold
9. Alberta
10. Clinton
11. Dolores

1. Ray L. (Arthur[8], Wells[7], Adams[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Rock Elm, Wisconsin, November 13, 1888; married, in 1915, Margaret Noven.

Children:

1. Byron (Ray[9], Arthur[8], Wells[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in Montana in August, 1912.

2. Margaret was born at Ladysmith, Wisconsin, July 4, 1914.

3. Audry was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 14, 1921.

4. Arthur was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 6, 1923.

5. Gladys was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1925.

2. Florence was born April 11, 1890, at Rock Elm, Wisconsin; married Chester Holcomb. Occupation, farmer.

Children:

1. Elmer (Chester[9], Arthur[8], Wells[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Rock Elm, Wisconsin, in September, 1910.

2. Gladys was born October 22, 1911, at Rock Elm.

3. Loraine was born January 30, 1914, at Rock Elm.

3. Clarence, son of Arthur and Cora Betterly, was born at Elpaso, Pierce County, March 14, 1892; married Helen Follansbee. Occupation, building contractor; residence, Fall River, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Maxine was born February 2, 1921, at Fall River; died June, 1925.

2. Donald was born October 16, 1923.

3. Carol was born February 11, 1927.

1. Maxine (Clarence[9], Arthur[8], Wells[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).

4. Effie was born at Rock Elm, Wisconsin, May 22, 1894; married Robert McConanghy. Occupation, farmer; residence Maiden Rock.

Children:

1. Margaret (Robert[9], Arthur[8], Wells[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).

2. Louise was born December 17, 1918.

3. Cora was born August 23, 1920.

5. Gladys was born May 22, 1894, at Rock Elm, Wisconsin. She married Allen Chimock, who died July 13, 1925. She is a telephone operator at River Falls, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Dorothy (Allen[9], Arthur[8], Wells[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born May 17, 1915, at River Falls, Wisconsin.

2. Gordon, was born in September, 1916, at River Falls, Wisconsin.

6. Arthur K., sixth child of Arthur and Cora Betterly, was born July 22, 1899; engaged in carpentry.

7. Grace was born February 2, 1902; married Stanley Follansbee; residence, Rock Elm, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Wanda (Stanley[9], Arthur[8], Wells[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, December 8, 1920.

2. Bernice was born January 21, 1922, at River Falls.

3. Jackie was born October 8, 1925, at River Falls.

4. Corene was born July 3, 1927, at River Falls.

8. Herold was born March 24, 1904, at Rock Elm, Wisconsin; engaged in carpenter work.

9. Alberta B. was born November 27, 1907; is employed in St. Paul.

10. Clinton A. was born April 5, 1910.

11. Dolores was born December 6, 1913; attends Fall River High School.

Nine of the Betterly family were born at Rock Elm.

2. Charles Edward, born in 1830 at Limerick, New York, was eighteen when he came with his parents to Wisconsin in 1848, and twenty-six when he married Phebe Jane Cross, a native of Vermont. Mr. Keyser, in his early days, did carpentry in addition to his farming.

In 1865 he left one of the finest agricultural sections of the state to become a pioneer and blaze a trail through the unbroken forest in an undeveloped part of the state.

Mr. Keyser was a man of genial disposition and his record in the township was that of an esteemed and highly respected citizen. He

was taken sick while visiting at the home of his son, Chester, at Spring Valley, Wisconsin, and died in March, 1906, survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter.

Mrs. Keyser died in 1910. They are buried at Poplar Hill Cemetery, Rock Elm, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Ina Adelia
2. Gordon
3. Dearborn
4. Chester
5. Charlotte
6. Eugene

1. Ina Adelia (Edward[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Woodland, Wisconsin, in 1859. At the age of six years she removed with her parents to Pierce County, same state. She married Jefferson Van Nortwick; Mrs. Van Nortwick died in 1920, and was buried at Poplar Hill Cemetery, Rock Elm.

Child:

1. Atta May (Jefferson[8], Edward[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in 1884 in Pierce County, Wisconsin; married Robert Grear (deceased); married, secondly, Ralph Bryant.

2. Gordon Adam was born at Woodland, Wisconsin, March 13, 1862; died in 1862, and was buried in Cole Cemetery, Herman Township, Wisconsin.

3. Dearborn was born at Woodland in 1864, and moved to Pierce County with his parents at the age of two years. His father was a farmer in moderate circumstances and his opportunities for the training offered in school were limited. He married Ruby Fox in 1887, daughter of Sheldon and Pheba (Rector) Fox.

Children:

1. Myrtle
2. Ida (deceased)
3. Blanch
4. Maud Pearl
5. Dearborn C.
6. Grace B.
7. Bertha A.
8. Thelma
9. Eva Fern

1. Myrtle (Dearborn[8], Edward[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in Pierce County, Wisconsin, in 1889; married Lauren J. Mullen, son of Charles and Jennie (Connell) Mullen.

Child:

1. Niel (Lauren[9], Dearborn[8], Edward[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in 1921.

3. Blanch G. was born in 1892; married Ebert A. Bock, son of Peter and Minnie (Donelson) Bock.

Child:

1. Fredrick (Ebert[9], Dearborn[8], Edward[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in 1913.

4. Maud Pearl was born in 1894; married Alton Franklin Monson, son of Charles and Emma (Odman) Monson.

Children:

1. Robert (Alton[9], Dearborn[8], Edward[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in 1917.
2. Gordon was born in 1920.
3. Donald was born in 1922.

5. Dearborn C. was born in 1897.
6. Grace Bernice was born in 1902; married Jeffrey Witsoe.
7. Bertha A. was born in 1904.
8. Thelma was born in 1906.
9. Eva Fern was born in 1910.

4. Chester C. Keyser, born at Woodland, Wisconsin, March 14, 1865, came to Rock Elm with his parents when he was only seven months old, almost too young to assist in clearing the land and cultivating the soil. As he grew in years and strength, he assisted with the work about the farm, and attended the district school near the homestead.

In 1891 he entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, and continued in that line of work for thirty years.

(See record of Mattie (Fox) Keyser for further mention of Chester C. Keyser.)

5. Charlotte May was born in 1866 in Pierce County; married George H. Hanfelt. They lived at Waverly, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Ray Harrison (George[8], Edward[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in 1888; married Carrie Weldon. Without issue.
2. Coral Fern (deceased).
3. Orin Earl was born in 1890; married Annie Tyler.

Child:

1. Robert Orin (Orin[9], George[8], Edward[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Muskegon, Michigan, February 10, 1924.
4. Chauncy L. was born in 1902.

6. Eugene, third son of Edward and Phebe Keyser, was born in Pierce County, Wisconsin, in 1868. He obtained his education at the rural school in the district in which he lived. While still a minor, he left home to fend for himself and became an employee of S. Fox, of Rock Elm, a village near his home, where Mr. Fox conducted a mercantile business and real estate. Mr. Keyser continued in his service for several years.

Eventually he purchased a farm near Elmwood, same county, and engaged in agriculture, in which he has prospered. He married Lucy Brenner, of Rock Elm, prior to settling on the homestead. Mrs. Keyser is a wonderful homemaker and finds her greatest happiness in her home.

Mr. Keyser rented his farm several years ago and bought a home at Elmwood with all modern conveniences, where they are enjoying a quiet and restful life. They number many friends in their circle of acquaintances. Without issue.

THE FRASERS

The following paragraph gives the origin of the Frasers, now introduced into the Cole genealogy through the marriage of Cynthia Jane (Cole) Keyser to Eliada Parrish Fraser.

Clan Fraser

Their Coat of Arms gives their badge, "The Yew" and slogan, "A Mhor Fhaiche" (and after) "The Great Field" and "Caisteal Dunie" (and after) "Castle Downie." The Clan Tartan is red, black and white plaid.

Origin of the Frasers of Lovat

I quote largely from Alexander MacKenzie's "History of the Clan Frasers of Lovat:"

"The Frasers are not of Celtic but Norman origin, it is impossible for a moment to doubt. In 1174 the Frasers had settled in the south of Scotland. Down to the reign of Robert the Bruce, the Frasers appear to have remained in the southern countries, but during this time they began to spread northward, and finally into Inverness-shire, Scotland.

"But there never has been any full account of the Frasers of Lovat and the families descended from that stock." "It is clear," he writes, "that David, second son of Rev. James Fraser of Brae, had a son Simon who was alive in 1715, and as far as known has never been accounted for beyond the statement that he had male issue and that his grandson Simon was living in 1715 and that he was probably much later."

I quote from Wardlaw's manuscript:

"Brae is away from James' heirs, and therewith his memory, having no male issue to represent him. But at that date, and much later it is known that he had male issue and that his grandson was living in 1715."

The following I have copied from John Anderson's "Historical Account of Frisel or Fraser," published in 1825:

"The Frisel, which is its ancient form, appears in the Role of Battle Abbey, thus placing the Norman name and origin beyond a doubt.

"We behold the Frasers a race of some importance during the prior sway of David I, to whose reign can be traced the chief influx of Norman settlement in Scotland."

Simon, son of Rev. James Fraser of Brae, of the House of Lovat, came to the Colonies (date not definitely known), and married, in 1745 or 1750, at Scotch Plains, New Jersey, where two sons were born. The second son was born January 20, 1763, and was named Jeremiah, after the father of his mother.

In 1779 Jeremiah was captured by Indians and taken to Canada and held prisoner for four years. After he escaped, he settled in Canada and married a Scotch-Canadian, Nancy Day, daughter of Jeremiah Day, of Daytown, so-called in honor of Mr. Day.

William, second son of Jeremiah, was born at Uuibins, Township of Bastaid, Ontario, in 1797. His son, Eliada Fraser, born in Canada in 1821, was the great-grandson of Simon, son of Rev. James Fraser of Brae, Inverness-shire, of the House of Lovat.

Eliada Fraser was the father of the writer of this sketch, now in her seventy-eighth year, and I have often heard him relate the traditional history of his grandfather's ancestors as it had been passed down by word of mouth from father to son. Events in the lives of his ancestors, which I have held in memory sixty or more years, are confirmed in history. The account of the capture of Quebec, which he called the "Battle of the Heights of Abraham," varies but little from the historical version.

The first son of Simon of Brae is listed in history as follows, "Rev. Simon Fraser made a speech on the one hundredth anniversary of Junius, Ontario County, New York."*

*See life of Jeremiah Fraser, brother of Rev. Simon Fraser.

3. Cynthia Jane (Keyser) Fraser was born in Limerick, Jefferson County, New York, May 2, 1832, daughter of Adam and Charlotte (Cole) Keyser. She was educated at the district school of Limerick.

At Oswego, New York, on September 2, 1848, she married Eliada Parrish Fraser, born April 24, 1821, son of William Day and Susannah (Parrish) Fraser. The following month they came west and settled at Hartford, Wisconsin, where Mr. Fraser invested in land. He erected a two-story substantial home, which they occupied until 1855, when he moved to Hubbard Township, same state. He had invested in land along the line of the railroad then in course of construction through Herman and Hubbard Townships. The family moved into a log cabin, built in 1840 and occupied by government surveyors. The Frasers were the first pioneers to settle permanently

at that point, and faced the longest and coldest winter known in pioneer days. The Village of Woodland was established here.

The building activities of the railroad were not to reach the site selected for the station until the spring of 1856 but the work was actually completed much sooner than was expected.

A farm was purchased a mile from the cabin and the family occupied the log house on it until September. Mr. Fraser had made preparations for building prior to his removal to the farm. He was the first to erect and operate a store in the village. The building served a double purpose for a time: the first floor, with the exception of a living room in the rear for the family, was to be the grocery and general merchandise store; the second floor and wing were to be the family residence. Two weeks later the first shipment of merchandise arrived on the first freight from Milwaukee, and the store opened for business in two days.

It was through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser that a public school and Sunday School were established. Mr. Fraser was superintendent of the latter for several years. They also organized and maintained a Good Templar's Lodge for several years.

In 1859 he built a residence a block from the store, in which the family lived until December, 1866, when he disposed of the business and all property, including the homestead, and moved to New Lisbon, Wisconsin.

Owing to what was believed to be a slight illness of Norma, a daughter, Mrs. Fraser and other members of the family remained with relatives until the home at New Lisbon was made ready for the homecoming. The child became seriously ill on the 13th and the mother sent the other children to their father. The afternoon of the 14th, she wired that Norma had died at 4 P. M. of smallpox.

She had contracted the disease from a child who was recovering from what was thought to be chickenpox, but which was really a light case of variola. The rest of the family had left town before the child became ill. At ten o'clock the morning of the 14th, Mrs. Fraser and daughter were taken to the home where Norma had played with the child who had the supposed case of chickenpox. Norma died at four o'clock and was buried at ten that night in the Cole Cemetery, two miles from the Village of Woodland. Mr. Fraser arrived at the village at nine the morning of the 15th, and returned the same night.

On December 28, mother was not feeling well and remained in bed. A doctor was called but he was unable to diagnose the ailment and advised keeping quiet. At nine o'clock the morning of the 29th he called and found that she had smallpox. She was taken to the second floor, and passed away at one o'clock, and was buried at midnight by her husband, the doctor and the sexton in the New Lisbon Cemetery. She died December 29, 1866, at the age of thirty-three years, survived by her husband and five children.

Mother was a woman of extraordinary beauty, and was idolized by

her husband and children. The atmosphere of her home was all that could be desired. Her tragic death was a sorrowful end to a beautiful life.

I visited the old home in 1927; the store shows the ravages of seventy-two years and has lost its wing—yet it remains a relic of 1856, the first store erected and conducted in the village.

BIOGRAPHY OF ELIADA PARRISH FRASER

He was born Tuesday, April 24, 1821, at Brockville, Township of Bastard, County of Leeds, Province of Ontario, Canada. He was the son of William Day and Susannah (Parrish) Fraser, who were born in Canada of Scotch, English and American ancestry.

He received only such education as could be acquired by attending evening school during the fall and spring months. No qualifications were required of a teacher beyond reading, writing, and mathematics as far as division. His remarkable memory enabled him to master in a few weeks the first rudiments of education, which in after years was an invaluable help in laying the foundation for success in the various branches of business in which he engaged.

In 1836 he moved with his parents to Wells Island in the St. Lawrence River. In 1841 his father and family emigrated to Oswego, New York. Eliada served with a cooperage company for a few weeks. His ready grasp of what was required of him, together with his methods, were such as to win the confidence of his employer. Owing to his judgment in selecting timber for use in the cooperage business, he secured a large contract in that line of work.

On May 2, 1848, he married Cynthia Jane Keyser, of Limerick, Jefferson County, New York. They came west in 1848 and located at Hartford, Washington County, Wisconsin. Mr. Fraser built and operated the first stave factory in Washington County, if not in the State of Wisconsin. It was in operation continuously until 1890.

In 1855, a branch of the LaCrosse Railway (later called the "St. Paul and Hartford Line") was being surveyed through the town and bought of Mr. Fraser the land on which the family residence stood, as well as adjoining lands. Eventually he sold the stave factory and moved to Woodland village. When the railroad reached that point, he engaged in mercantile business. Woodland being the nearest railroad station in that section, the farmers brought their grain and marketable produce to the village. Mr. Fraser bought it and shipped it to Milwaukee, and soon built up an extensive business, always paying fair prices and in many ways contributing to the prosperity of adjoining towns which had no railroad. He bought cord wood from the settlers which he sold to the railroad company.

After the death of his wife in 1866, he moved about from place to place—remaining for a year, then moving again.

He married in 1869 and conducted the Lake House Hotel in Briggsville, Wisconsin, for a few years. He sold out and went to

Delton, same state. He had purchased a home and other property in the town.

He was called March 14, 1910, at the age of ninety, after a week's illness. His mind remained unclouded until he fell asleep and joined his loved ones in that land of eternal life. Rev. Mr. Irish, of Baraboo, conducted the services at the home. He spoke eloquently of the remarkable mental faculties of Mr. Fraser, of his stealthy way of doing good deeds, his hearty greeting, and cheery smile, ever ready for any one he chanced to meet. He was lenient toward the erring and unfortunate, tolerant in his judgment, prudent in speech, and discreet in action. He was never heard to speak bitterly of any one or known to listen to idle gossip.

He cherished a deep reverence and affection for the land of his birth, yet was a loyal citizen of the country of his adoption.

Children:

1. Eugene
2. Eva Grace
3. William C.
4. Ella J.
5. Norma Elnora; b. March 4, 1857 d. Dec. 14, 1866
6. Chester A.

1. Eugene (Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4] Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Hartford, Washington County, Wisconsin, June 21, 1849. He attended the Cole School in the Township of Herman, Dodge County, from 1852 to 1855. His parents then moved to what is now the Village of Woodland. He studied at the Vedder School in that district in 1856, until a public school was established in the village. He studied there until 1865, with the exception of two months, when he was employed as freight brakeman by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad between Chicago and Janesville, Wisconsin.

In the spring of 1866, he left school to enter the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad as freight brakeman on the line between Milwaukee and LaCrosse. He held this position until 1876, when he resigned from their service to accept a position with the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, running between Baraboo, Wisconsin, and Winona, Minnesota. After five years, he returned to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, running on the Chicago and Council Bluff Division for four years.

In 1886, Eugene was promoted to passenger service as extra conductor. In June, 1887, he was transferred to the Sioux City, Iowa, branch as regular passenger conductor between Sioux City and Menilla. He was transferred to the Sioux City and Mitchell branch in 1920. In the fall of 1925, the passenger traffic became unusually heavy and Eugene asked to have his run changed to the Sioux City and Platt line. His health became so much impaired in October, 1925, that he gave up his train and was appointed station master of the Sioux City depot.

On May 14, 1926, he was taken very ill on his way home and was taken to a hospital, where he passed away May 24, 1926, at the age of seventy-seven years. His desire was to continue as passenger conductor until he reached his eightieth year, at which time he would retire after having served the railroads sixty-two years.

During Mr. Fraser's long years of service, he never had a serious accident, nor was a passenger entrusted in his care injured in any way. He had a splendid record for his strict attention to duty, efficiency, and carefulness. The traveling public called him "the grand old man" and he was justly popular with them.

He had no public ambition but to do his duty to the best of his ability; his life was one of purity, goodness, and fidelity in all relations.

Mr. Fraser had been a member of Division 233, Order of Railroad Conductors, since 1882, and was also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Funeral services were held at the Wescott Undertaking Parlors at 3:30 the afternoon of May 26, 1926, with burial in the family lot at Floyd Cemetery, Sioux City, Iowa, beside his wife who had predeceased him twenty-two years.

He married, July 4, 1869, Marietta Smith, of Oxford, Wisconsin, born January 23, 1851, at Much Chunch, Pennsylvania; she died August 10, 1904, at Sioux City, Iowa.

Child:

1. Rev. Arthur Eliada (Eugene[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Portage, Wisconsin, December 23, 1870. On September 30, 1898, he married Thedora Lyman Wells, born at Madison, Wisconsin, November 8, 1871, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Wells.

Arthur acquired his early education at Winona, Minnesota, and Perry, Iowa, High School. Subsequently he entered Beloit Academy, and the year following graduation, he enrolled in Beloit College, Wisconsin, from which he graduated with an A. B. degree. He later taught for one year at the College. He attended Yale Seminary in 1896-7, receiving his B. D. degree.

Mr. Fraser began his ministerial work as assistant to Dr. Munger, of the Congregational Church at New Haven, Connecticut. Eventually he returned to Wisconsin as pastor of the Congregational Church at Lake Mills. Other pastorates to which he has been called are: Colorado Springs, Colorado; Kansas City, Kansas; and Waconda, South Dakota, remaining there four years. His next pastoral charge was Milbank, South Dakota, and his present pastorate is near Mankato, Minnesota. He is pastor of a Federated Baptist and Congregational Church.

Mr. Fraser's purpose is not so much to increase the number in his congregation, as to develop the membership into a higher

and truer Christian character. By nature he is genial, broad-minded, and cordial; his kindness, thoughtfulness and tolerance toward all in every walk of life are proverbial. Under his earnest efforts, his churches have prospered. His humanity toward man has endeared him to all within the circle of his influence.

Mrs. Fraser died October 9, 1906, at Sioux City, Iowa, and was interred in the family lot at Floyd Cemetery.

Child:

1. Marjorie Wells Fraser (Arthur[9], Eugene[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born November 10, 1899, at Madison, Wisconsin. She acquired the higher branches of her education at New Richmond High School, Wisconsin, 1916; River Falls, Wisconsin, State Normal, 1918; and the University of Wisconsin, 1920-21.

On November 25, 1921, she married Oscar B. Westmont at Niagara Falls, New York, born December 28, 1898, at Solan Mills, Illinois, son of Charles and Margaret (Skillicorn) Westmont. He attended Richmond High School, Illinois, until 1916; Beloit College, two or more years; University of Wisconsin, from which he was graduated in 1921 with a C. E. degree. Present place of residence, Lompoc, California; occupation, research chemist with the Celite Company. Church preference, Congregational or Presbyterian.

Children:

1. Arthur Wells (Oscar[10], Arthur[9], Eugene[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Niagara Falls, New York, March 21, 1923.

2. Thedora Fraser was born at Niagara Falls, New York, April 18, 1926.

Rev. Arthur Fraser married, secondly, in 1913, Miss Bird Hitchcock, born at West Salem, Wisconsin. Her education was obtained at the following schools: Huron, South Dakota, and Highland, West Salem, High School, from which she was graduated with the class of 1899. She attended the Oshkosh Normal, and graduated from Ripon College, Wisconsin, with a B. A. degree in 1908 and a M. A. degree in 1917, specializing in Religious Education.

Mrs. Fraser taught for two years in Yankton College, South Dakota, and was principal of the Waconda High School (same state) for two years. From 1924 to the present time (1928), she has held the position of Dean of Women at Mankato State Teachers' College, Mankato, Minnesota.

Mrs. Fraser has become eminent in her profession, and well deserves her honorable and established position.

Child:

1. Constance Marietta was born at New Richmond, Wisconsin, in 1916. She has an interesting personality, and

bids fair to become a musician of note. She is being educated at a private school in Mankato.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

2. Eva Grace (Fraser) Briggs, born August 23, 1850, at Hartford, Wisconsin.

I was six weeks old when taken to the home of my mother's parents, and five years old when I returned. My education began at the age of three years at the Cole School a mile away. It was so named after the donor of the site and his descendants in the Cole Settlement. The majority of the scholars were Coles. I am the oldest of the pupils that attended from 1853 to 1855, and one of five now living.

Late in October I joined my parents at what is now Woodland Village, in Hubbard Township, Wisconsin. It was cradled between heavily timbered hills. Seventy-two years have elapsed since the first whistle of a locomotive reverberated through the hills surrounding the town that gave promise of becoming a city, but lapsed into the placid existence of a country village.

I attended the Woodland, Vedder and Horicon High School. Owing to the death of my mother in 1866, I was unable to enter college as had been planned.

I have resided in many towns in Wisconsin since 1867: New Lisbon, Mauston, Oxford, Briggsville, Wisconsin Rapids, Wauwatosa, and Milwaukee.

I married, at Oxford, January 10, 1869, Carlton W. Briggs, born at Rutland, Vermont, son of Judge Harvey and Francis L. (Peck) Briggs. Mrs. Briggs was a lineal descendant of Sir Walter Raleigh. Mr. Briggs was a lawyer, with an office at Oxford; he was also connected with a mercantile company.

We moved to Briggsville in May and returned late in December. In 1877 we located in Wisconsin Rapids and lived there until 1892. After that I made my home with my daughters at Pittsville and West Superior, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota. I sold my property at Wisconsin Rapids and traveled for a time, visiting the World Fair at Chicago in 1894, the Texas State Fair at San Antonio, the Alamo and other notable historical missions in Texas and Mexico. I also attended the Confederate Reunion at Dallas, Texas, in 1901.

On February 6, 1901, I came to the home of my daughter, Mrs. Boynton, at Washburn, Wisconsin. Six weeks later she was called, after an illness of only two days. I remained with the family thirteen years, having charge of the home and children.

On May 1, 1904, we joined Mr. Boynton at Fernie, British Columbia, Canada, where he was in the lumber business. In September, 1904, we visited the Portland, Oregon, Exhibition.

In 1905 I placed my grandchildren in school at Portland. We

lived in a furnished apartment on Portland Heights, and spent our vacations at Fernie. On August 1, 1908, a bush fire, fanned by a terrific gale, struck the City of Fernie. Although superhuman efforts were made to check the flames, they were beyond the power of man. The people were crazed with fright; it was only a question of saving their lives, so rapid was the progress of the fire. Mile after mile of flaming valley and mountain side presented as stupendous a sight as ever seen by man. The whole country lighted with flashes of fire resembled an immense electrically lighted city. In two short hours, Fernie became a matter of history.

We were three of the two thousand refugees that were taken to Cranbrook, a ride of seven hours. No word can express the full measure of generous hospitality extended to the refugees by the citizens of Cranbrook. They opened their doors to receive us at a moment's notice and took us into their homes. The remembrance of their timely aid will ever remain in the memory of the homeless thousands. The Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes were folded together with but one thought—to get food and clothes to the stricken. It is said to have been the grandest outpouring of human sympathy ever witnessed in that part of Canada.

We left Cranbrook August 8 for Winnipeg, arrived the 12th, and were settled in the Boynton home at 334 Wellington Crescent, on August 26.

I spent the spring and part of the summer of 1912 visiting Los Angeles, St. Monica, San Francisco, and other nearby towns of note in California. I was living at Galveston, Texas, when the 1915 flood devasted that section, and was among the last to cross the causeway to the mainland before the approach at both ends had been washed away. I motored with relatives to Dallas and lived there six months. In November, 1916, I returned to Winnipeg.

In January, 1917, I moved to New York City to be with my grandson. I served as volunteer nurse at the Bellevue General Hospital during the Spanish Influenza epidemic. I also worked with the Yale Red Cross Auxiliary, of which I was a member. I received the following from the American Red Cross:

"Pro Patria
The American Red Cross
to
Mrs. E. G. Briggs

In grateful recognition of the faithful and self-sacrificing service rendered during the Influenza Epidemic, 1918

at
New York City
Walter Jennings, Chairman,
New York City Chapter."

In September, 1919, I sailed from New York for Galveston, Texas, via the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, and Galveston Bay. We reached Key West, Florida, a few hours after it had been struck by a typhoon which inundated the city and surrounding country. We met the aftermath of the storm, but missed by less than an hour being in the teeth of it. We found on our arrival at Key West that storm signals gave warning of an approaching cyclone, and all boats were held there three days.

Galveston suffered very little. The people had been warned of the approaching storm and my friends had left the city. A colored servant met me and sent me to Houston, Texas. In late October I returned to New York City, via Winnipeg, Toronto, and Niagara Falls. In 1921 I left for Canada, visiting Chicago and Duluth en route. Six weeks later I went to Sioux City, Iowa, and resided with a brother four years. After his death, I came to Wauwatosa, later went to Winnipeg, and returned to Wisconsin in 1926. I have been a resident of Milwaukee since March, 1927, and will leave here in July for Dallas, Texas, my future home.

I am a member of the Martha Washington Chapter of the D. A. R., Sioux City. My claim for membership is based on my descent from Jeremiah Fraser, who served at the age of twelve years.

Life has not brought me all that I hoped for, and much that I desired has passed me by. I have endeavored to faithfully and conscientiously perform the duties which have fallen upon me.

"Whatsoever ye ought to desire others to do unto you, do ye so to them" has been one of the rules of my life for fifty years.

War Record of Carlton Wilberton Briggs,
of Briggsville, Wisconsin.

He enlisted for service in the Civil War, March 2, 1862, in Company K, 18th Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry, with the rank of Corporal. This regiment did post and guard duty at A. A. I. Post, Paducak, Kentucky. He was attending school at Baraboo, Wisconsin, when war was declared, and was seventeen at the time of his enlistment.

He became quite ill at Paducak and was discharged for disability on July 25, 1862. He returned to his home at Briggsville, the month following his discharge, and recruited a company for the 44th Wisconsin Infantry. He was commissioned Captain in Company I of the 44th. He served in the battles at Pittsburg Landing, Shilo, and the Wilderness, and was also in several important skirmishes. Captain Briggs received honorable discharge at the close of the war.

He died in 1880 of tuberculosis.

Children:

1. Nina Inez
2. Anasa Arnold
3. Grace Eva
4. Elioda
5. Carlton W.

1. Nina Inez (Carlton[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Briggsville, Marquette County, Wisconsin, November 23, 1869. When a babe of four months, she was brought to Oxford, same state, and was six years of age when the family moved to Wisconsin Rapids. She received her education in the public school. The year following her graduation from Howe High School (1886), she engaged in educational work, and taught three years in the Pittsville graded school, two at Auburndale, and one at Vedum, Wisconsin.

On October 8, 1891, Nina married Orville L. Boynton, of Pittsville, son of Ralph and Sarah (Pickett) Boynton. On their return from their honeymoon, they settled at Pittsville. Mr. Boynton was a stockholder, also secretary and treasurer, of the Pittsville Barrel, Hub & Spoke Factory. In 1897 they moved to Duluth, Minnesota, and in 1900 they located in Ashland, Wis. Their next place of residence was Washburn, Wis.

In March, 1903, Mrs. Boynton was called to Dallas, Texas, to bring her mother, who was seriously ill, to her home. Ten days later they were in Washburn.

Mrs. Boynton died of smallpox six weeks after her return. Mr. Boynton had contracted the disease when on a business trip to Oregon, and before the nature of the disease was diagnosed, Mrs. Boynton, who had taken care of him, became infected. At nine o'clock the morning of April 21, she was too ill to keep about; at one o'clock she became unconscious, and she passed away at three the following morning. Burial took place at four o'clock the afternoon of the 22nd of April, in Washburn Cemetery, Wisconsin.

Ten years after her death, the family received the following biographical memorial. The name of the writer, or person who sent it to the mother of Mrs. Boynton, is unknown:

"IN MEMORIAM

Death of Mrs. O. L. Boynton, of Washburn, Wisconsin.

Mrs. O. L. Boynton, who died at Washburn, in this state, April 22, 1903, of smallpox, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Briggs, of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin.

The deceased was born November 23, 1869, at Briggsville, Marquette County, Wisconsin. While she was young, the family moved to Oxford; later to Grand Rapids, where she received her education, graduating from the Howe High School in the class of 1886, and for several years taught in the public schools of Wood County. She married O. L. Boynton, of Pittsville, October 8, 1891. A son was born to them in 1892, and a daughter in 1894. Her mother, Mrs. Briggs, and

a sister, Mrs. H. Knox, are living and share with husband and children their bereavement. The family remained at Pittsville for several years and then moved to the northern part of the state.

Prior to her marriage, she taught three years in the public schools at Pittsville, and will be kindly remembered by the young people for her thorough methods of instruction and the solicitude she manifested in the progress they were making in their studies.

At Pittsville she will be gratefully remembered by the church-going people for her efficient labor in behalf of the Sunday schools and other kindred interest.

After her marriage (unlike many others), she did not feel that her mission in life was fulfilled and as she grew in years her views in regard to her duties became broadened, and she was ready to join with others in the various agencies that were being employed for the betterment and welfare of the young people of the community in which she lived. At Ashland, Wisconsin, where the family lived for a time, the pastor of one of the churches organized what was known as the Boys' Club, designed for their instruction along educational and religious lines, and she (true to her inherent impulses), accepted the position of assistant to the pastor in formulating programs for their exercises, and in many other ways assisted in keeping the boys interested in their studies.

The deceased was not a member of any of the orthodox churches; nevertheless, the interest she manifested in Sabbath schools and other kindred measures, auxiliary to the churches, showed that she was a believer in the fundamental essentials of Christianity pure and not corrupted or distorted by bigotry, intolerance, and sectarianism.

Wherever she lived, she left her impress on society and was accredited as being a type of noble womanhood, and by her winning personality she gathered around her a large circle of friends who will grieve at her early departure, and the remembrance of her nobility of character will prove to them a lasting and highly cherished heritage.

Endowed by nature with a strong personality, and keenly imbued with a sense of her obligations to her family, the deceased did not allow the claims of society or the entertainment of friends to interfere with her duties to her husband and children, but with an affluence of affection and devotion she did all a

mother could do to make her home what a home should be,—a place with fixed boundaries that society cannot encroach upon, where grows day by day the sentiment of filial love and joy; the earliest and most influential school, where plastic nature receives its first impressions, and where the dearest ties of earth have bound us in a family circle.

Time may assuage the poignancy of grief for the departed, but many years must elapse ere time will efface the remembrance of her queenly deportment and the charm of her personality."

ORIGIN OF THE BOYNTON LINEAGE

The name is derived from the ancient village in the eastern part of Yorkshire, England.

Bartholowen de Boynton was seated at the manor of Boynton in 1067.

John was born in 1614 at Knafton Wingham in East Riding, Yorkshire, England. He came to New England in 1635, and settled at Rowley, Massachusetts in 1643.

William Schoolmaster, brother of preceding son of William (XXIII generation from Bartholowen de Boynton), was born at Knafton, England in 1606. He came to New England in 1635, settling at Rowley, Massachusetts, in 1638. William lived at Salisbury, Massachusetts, before 1620.

Children:

Vern Knox Norma Boynton

1. Vern Knox Boynton (Orville[9], Carlton[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at ten minutes to twelve, July 18, 1892, at Pittsville, Wood County, Wisconsin. His early childhood was passed in the town of his birth, and there he acquired his elementary education. He was not quite seven when the family moved to Duluth, Minn. He had attended the Lincoln School for two years before his parents moved to Ashland, Wis. Vern became a pupil at the Pioneer School and was an active member of the Boys Club. In 1901 the Boynton family was residing in Washburn, Wisconsin, situated on the shore of Chequamegau Bay. During the last year of his residence in Washburn, Vern attended the local high school.

In September, 1903, the Boynton children, accompanied by their grandmother, sailed from Washburn, via the Great Lakes, to Chicago en route to St. Louis, Mo., to visit the Exhibition.

Mr. Boynton, with his father, sister and grandmother, moved to Fernie, British Columbia, Canada, in May, 1904. They visited the Lewis and Clark Exhibition at Portland, Oregon, in September of that year.

He enrolled in Dr. Hill's Military Academy at Portland in 1905, studying there until June, 1908. His vacations were spent at home. During the summer of 1907, he assisted the city engineer in the installation of a sewage system at Fernie.

Fernie, a pocket in the valley of the Rocky Mountains, was wiped out by a forest fire August 1, 1908. Mr. Boynton lost his rare collection of postage stamps and his library of valuable books, many of which were out of print; some of the books had been handed down from his great-great-grandfather. Among other things lost were prized relics of the Civil War, nuggets of gold, and also an opal, imbedded in a rock, which was quite large and of beautiful colors.

The homeless refugees were taken to Cranbrook and other towns and cared for by the residents there until the following Friday. On August 14, he accompanied his sister and grandmother to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The next three years were spent in study at the University of Winnipeg. He played on the university hockey team, was a member of the track team, and was awarded the championship medal for the high jump.

The summer of 1909 he was employed as a draftsman in railroad surveying from Calgary, Alberta, to Great Falls, Mont. The summer of 1910 he made appraisal of several sawmills in Canada for an insurance company.

Mr. Boynton entered the Pennsylvania Military College, at Chester, Pennsylvania, in 1911, from which he was graduated June, 1914, in Chemistry and Civil Engineering. He received two degrees, B. S. and C. E. Colonel Hyatt, president of the college, wrote Mr. Boynton's family:

> "Mr. Boynton will be graduated in June in Civil Engineering and Chemistry; this remarkable event is unprecedented in the fifty years since the college inception."

While a student at the Pennsylvania Military College, he played on the Varsity football team three years and took part in other college sports. He obtained medals for marksmanship. Also, he was promoted from private to Captain of Company A of the Cadet Corps, with highest military standing in the college during his senior year; as well as serving as aide to Colonel Hyatt, the Commandant of the college.

His scholastic average for the three years was about 94 per cent; the maximum possible was 96.5 per cent. In 1915 he taught chemistry and mathematics in the college. In June of that year he entered the employ of Harrison Brothers, chemical manufacturers at Philadelphia.

The Kalbfleisch Chemical Company, New York, employed him as a draftsman in May, 1916; he served in that capacity two years, and was appointed chief engineer. He resigned in August, 1921, going to Texas for a much needed vacation. In March, 1922, he came to Sioux City, Iowa, and visited his grandmother and uncle until the last of May.

Mr. Boynton then began work with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Milwaukee, Wis., as Divisional Engineer. He has charge of the engineering work of the Paint and Varnish Division, and was recently appointed by the Pittsburgh office of the company to supervise the construction of a new plant at Creighton, Pa.

Mr. Boynton's natural bent of mind lies in mechanical engineering. In early youth, he showed a quick and comprehensive mind; every detail of his work proves that he shunned no effort to become thoroughly qualified for the work in which he is engaged. His success is due to perseverance, study and effort, which he believes to be the chief requisites in attaining his goal.

On June 24, 1922, Mr. Boynton married Mary Lucile Fowler, daughter of Judge Chester A. and Carrie Julia (Smith) Fowler. She was born September 24, 1893, at Omaha, Neb. The family moved to Portage, Wis., and she attended the grade schools of that city until she became a resident of Fond du Lac, Wis. Mrs. Boynton was graduated from the high school there with an average of 93. She was salutatorian of her class.

She studied at Downer College, Milwaukee, from 1912 to 1914, and wrote the May Day play. From 1914 to 1916 she studied at the University of Wisconain, where she received a B. A. degree in English. She was also graduated from the University of Wisconsin Training School for Teachers and won the Teaching Fellowship in English and Education. Her semester of special teaching (1916-17) was completed at La-Crosse, Wis., followed by a semester of graduate work in English and Education at the University of Wisconsin.

From 1917 to 1918, Mrs. Boynton taught English at Beloit, Wis.; in 1918-19, she taught English for one semester at Grafton Hall, Fond du Lac. She came to New York City in 1919 as private secretary to Chairman Smith of the College Endowment Fund Campaign.

The year prior to her marriage she visited Berkeley, Calif., returning via New Orleans and Beaumont, Texas. Immediately after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Boynton located in Milwaukee. Mrs. Boynton has done substitute teaching in the high schools of the city, and is very active in club work. She is also very much interested in the welfare of the foreign-born women.

2. Norma Boynton was born January 23, 1894, at Pittsville, Wis., and moved to Duluth, Minn., five years later. Her education was begun in the kindergarten at Duluth and was carried on through the Lincoln School.

On July 4, 1901, the family located in Ashland, Wis., and

Norma attended the Pioneer School until 1902. They moved to Washburn, Wis., and she became a pupil at the Garfield School.

She visited the exhibition at St. Louis in August, 1903. The trip was made via Lakes Superior and Michigan to Chicago, and from there the journey was completed by train.

Her father located in Fernie, British Columbia, Canada and she joined him in 1904. Together with other members of the family, she visited the Portland Exhibition in September, 1904, going by way of Arrowhead Lake to Arrowhead, British Columbia, by train to Vancouver, sailing from there to Seattle, and thence by train to Portland.

The following year she entered St. Helen's Hall, an Episcopalian School for girls at Portland, studying there from 1906 to 1908.

In June, 1908, she arrived in Fernie for her summer vacation. On August 1 the city was wiped off the map by a forest fire.

I quote from two daily papers: The Cranbrook Herold, B. C.:

> "Never since the San Francisco earthquake and fire has British Columbia experienced anything like the fire that struck Fernie August 1, 1908."

and the Spokane Journal, Washington, U. S. A.:

> "San Francisco was not in it, and the Galveston flood was far behind the Fernie holocaust."

Norma was one of the thousand refugees taken to Cranbrook by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

The family went to Winnipeg, Manitoba province, August 7. Norma entered Havergel College in 1908 and was graduated in 1911. She also passed the Manitoba University examinations. Several months of the spring of 1912 were spent at Santa Monica and other notable points in California, including two weeks at Avalon, Catalina Islands.

Miss Boynton attended Miss Mason-Castle's finishing school at Tarrytown, N. Y., from September, 1912, to June, 1913. She was employed by the Bank of Commerce from the fall of 1913 until 1917.

She married William Harold Stevens, born April 28, 1891, at Winnipeg, Canada, the son of Fred and Elizabeth (Northmore) Stevens, who were of English and Canadian descent. Mr. Stevens was an employee of the Union Bank of Canada for five years.

In May, 1915, he enlisted in the Winnipeg Rifles (Little Black Devils) and was commissioned lieutenant in August,

1915. He sailed for England in May, 1916. He was invalided home in December, 1916, on a month's furlough and his health would not permit his return to his regiment in France. From 1918 to 1921 he was employed in the Pension Bureau at Winnipeg, and for nine months following was manager of the Pension Bureau at Regina, Sask. He has been with the London Life Insurance Company from 1921 to the present time and is most successful in that line of business. Through his industry he has won membership in the club that entitles him to take the yearly two weeks vacation through various parts of Canada at the company's expense.

On October 10, 1919, Lieutenant Stevens was present at a dinner given in honor of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales by the G. O. C. and officers of M. D. No. 10, at the Royal Alexandria Hotel, Winnipeg. Lieutenant Stevens and his wife attended the ball given in honor of the Prince of Wales at the Royal Alexandria Hotel.

The summer of 1927 the Stevens family motored from Winnipeg to Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle. The 4500 mile trip to and return was completed in five weeks.

Child:

1. William Harold, Jr. (William[8], Orville[7], Eliada[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born January 1, 19 . ., at Winnipeg, Canada.

2. Amasa Arnold Briggs, born January 15, 1871, at Oxford, Wis.: died April 18, 1871, at Oxford and buried there.

3. Grace Eva was born March 18, 1872, at Oxford, Wis. She was educated at Wisconsin Rapids public schools and was graduated from the Howe High School with the class of 1888. She taught in a Wood County rural school for three months that fall.

Subsequently, she engaged with a manufacturing plant at Centralia (now Greater Wisconsin Rapids), as head accountant, in which capacity she served for two years. She then became a valued employee of the Spafford and Cole branch of merchandise, an establishment at Rhinelander, Wis. In addition to her duties as accountant, she proved to be an able assistant in selecting millinery and dress goods of a higher grade than that formerly stocked by the company. Eventually she was employed at Wausau, Wis.

On Thursday, September 3, 1891, she married Hiram Knox, son of William H. and Mary (Axford) Knox, at Wausau, Wis. Mrs. Knox was a remarkable woman—one of those bright minds of whom there is so much that might be said that it is difficult to judge how much to leave out.

She kept in touch with the world and its progress. Her personality made an impression not easily effaced. Her love and sympathy for people of all kinds and classes could not be surpassed. She was appreciative of the fine things of life.

Mrs. Knox died June 10, 1907, at her home in Livingston, Texas, on the morning of the day on which they had planned to leave for the East. She was about the house with friends as late as eleven in the evening, and passed away at three o'clock in the morning. Her death was caused by blood poisoning.

Mr. Knox was a prominent lumberman, having inherited from his father a large tract of the finest timber in Sabine County, Texas. It was valued at six million dollars. The mill and everything connected with it were said to be the best in Texas. They named the town East Mayfield.

Mr. Knox died in 1923 and was buried beside his wife at Texarkana, Texas.

Child:

1. William Hiram (Hiram[8], Carlton[7], Eliada[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Knox Mills, northern Wisconsin, June 14, 1894. He received his education at a private school in Dallas and at Peacock Military College, San Antonio, Texas. He was awarded a medal for heroism in putting out a fire in the building unaided. Had he gone for help the fire would have gotten beyond control.

William was a lad endowed with intellectual powers above the average boy. His powers of observation were early developed, and at the age of eight he had acquired a fund of general and useful knowledge. At seven he read books much beyond his years and reason with the faculty of one twice his age.

He died in 1909 at Livingston, Texas, and was interred beside his parents at Texarkana, Texas.

4. Eliada Fraser Briggs, born November 10, 1875; died and buried at Oxford, Wis.

5. Carlton Wilberton Briggs, born at Wisconsin Rapids, July 22, 1877; died December 20, 1878, and buried the 24th in the City Cemetery.

3. William C. Fraser was born at Hartford, Wisconsin, April 6, 1852. In the autumn of 1855 he moved to what was later the Village of Woodland, Hubbard Township, Wisconsin. His school days began in his fifth year at the public school in the village. The family moved to New Lisbon, Wisconsin, in 1866 and William attended the high school there part of one year. In 1869 he entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway as freight brakeman, and in 1871 he was promoted to freight conductor between LaCrosse and Portage, Wisconsin. He resigned in 1876 and located at Westfield. He then learned the harness trade, and in 1879 he opened a shop at Montello, Wisconsin, which he conducted four years.

In 1881 William moved to Odessa, Minnesota, and followed his trade there for a short time. Later he was appointed postmaster

and notary public. In order that his children might receive the higher branches of education not obtainable in the grade school at Odessa, the family moved to Ortonville, Minnesota, in 1886. For several years Mr. Fraser was a traveling salesman for pianos, organs, and sewing machines. He served as town clerk two or more years.

In 1913 he was forced to resign from active service because of the serious condition of his health. He died of cancer at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Campbell, December 27, 1914, and was buried in Mound Cemetery, Ortonville, Minnesota. He was highly respected by his fellow citizens and was universally mourned.

He married Sarah Dahl, of Portage, Wisconsin, in 1872. She died in February, 1924, predeceased by her husband ten years.

Children:

1. Ella Nora
2. Charlotte
3. Odessa May
4. Irvin W.
5. Myrtle Grace
6. William Eugene
7. Bernice

1. Ella Nora (William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born March 3, 1873, at Portage, Wisconsin. Her education was received in the schools of Montello, Odessa, and Ortonville High School, Minnesota. She engaged in educational work two years prior to her marriage in January, 1895, to William Jackson. Mr. Jackson is a progressive farmer and owns a valuable farm and home in Osceola, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Gladys G.
2. Bernice B.
3. Lucille M.
4. Grace E.

1. Gladys G. (William[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born July 6, 1896, at Ortonville, Minnesota. After graduation from the Ortonville High School, she entered the State Normal at Morehead, taking a special course in the Teachers' Training School. The following year she taught. She married William Harold Cutler. Present place of residence: 1019 20th Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

2. Bernice B. was born at Ortonville, April 8, 1898. After graduation from the high school in her home town, she attended the Morehead Normal Teachers' Training School. She then engaged in educational work until 1923. On February 22, 1923, she married Alex H. Mattison. They reside in Two Harbors, Minnesota.

Child:

1. Phyllis Jean (Alex[10], William[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born September 19, 1923, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

3. Lucille M., born May 10, 1902, at Ortonville, obtained most of her education there. Owing to the removal of

the family to Osceola, she was unable to complete the required course for graduation. She entered the Osceola High School and studied one year prior to her marriage, October 10, 1920, to Charles O. Wyman. Their present address (1928) is Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

Child:

1. Joyce Eleanor (Charles[10], William[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born August 3, 1923.

4. Grace Eleanor was born at Ortonville, Minnesota November 13, 1908. She has lived in Osceola, Wis., since 1917-18, and is a graduate of the Osceola High School, Class of 1925. In 1927 she married Lester Hanson. He is an engineer.

Child:

1. Duane Ercell (Lester[10], William[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born January 13, 1928, at Osceola, Wis.

2. Charlotte Jane (Fraser) Cambell, daughter of William C. and Sarah (Dahl) Fraser, was born at Portage, Wisconsin, in April, 1875; married Dr. Alexander S. Cambell the 25th day of November, 1889. She died Monday, January 31, 1922, at her home in Ortonville, Minnesota.

Mrs. Cambell was one of the city's best loved residents. A woman of rare charm of character, her life was one of service for others. Her deeds of love and kindness will be held in affectionate memory by those who enjoyed her friendship. Beautiful floral offerings from relatives, friends, and societies with which Dr. and Mrs. Cambell were associated, gave testimony of the love of a host of friends for one ever ready to give loving service for others.

She was graduated from the Ortonville High School with the Class of 1887. She was salutatorian of the class. She taught for several years in the immediate vicinity of her home.

The funeral was held at the family residence Friday afternoon, and at the Methodist Church at 2:30, the Rev. G. Hagans conducting the services. Interment was at Mound Cemetery, Ortonville.

Alexander S. Cambell, son of William Hamilton and Inez L. (Cross) Cambell, was born in Wabash County, Minnesota, October 4, 1874. When he was six years old, the family moved to Big Stone County, and then to Ortonville. At the age of sixteen he was graduated from the Ortonville High School. The year after his graduation he entered the College of Dentistry at the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1898. Dr. Cambell began practising at Ortonville the same year.

For many years he was on the school board. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Woodmen's Lodges. A profound

student of colloidal chemistry, he bade fair to become noted had he lived.

On January 16, 1924, while he was driving in the country, his car skidded as he rounded a curve and collided with a wire fence. He had released the car from the wires and was about to enter when he fell, death apparently being instantaneous. Examination showed that he died of heart failure. Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church with the Rev. R. Duel officiating, and he was buried beside his wife.

Dr. Cambell was survived by two highly esteemed daughters, Elizabeth and Gwendolyn.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Margaret (Alexander[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Ortonville, Minnesota, September 23, 1900. She graduated from the Ortonville High School in 1919, and then studied at Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota, two and a half years. At the opening of the second semester, she was called home by the death of her mother and was unable to complete the year's course. She remained at home until the passing of her father, Dr. Cambell, January 16, 1924.

Soon thereafter, she and her sister moved to Minneapolis. On June 15, 1925, she married George Theodore Stene of that city. He is with the Minnesota Loan and Trust Company.

Child:

1. Gwendolyn Christine (George[10], Alexander[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Minneapolis, March 6, 1927.

2. Gwendolyn Gail was born March 5, 1903, at Ortonville. After graduation in 1921, she entered the University of Wisconsin. From 1921 to 1923 she studied English, German, and French. She taught English and Latin at Farmington, Iowa, from September, 1923, to June, 1924.

On June 10, 1926, she sailed for Germany. She combined sightseeing with teaching English to college students who were on a vacation tour. She visited Bremen, Cologne, Bonn, and Mayen bie Coblenz. From there she went to Darnstadt, where she heard her first German grand opera. The last week in June she spent at Giessen, a university town. Through a former German professor, she was given an opportunity to study German every day and visit the lectures at the university. This information has been taken from the letters she wrote from Giessen in July, 1926.

On August 27 she was engaged as a tutor of English by a prominent German family at Vogelsaug bie Hagen-Haspe, to teach two boys during their vacation. The mother gave Miss

Cambell wonderful opportunities for sightseeing. They visited the exhibitions at Dusseldorf, and also saw Hoen Limbourg.

From there she went to Berlin to teach English in the home of a family at Wohgast on the Baltic.

She visited Heidelberg. She wrote "While there, I saw Faust and Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream. The actors were Germany's best—all given at the castle."

Miss Cambell returned home in April, 1927. On May 20, 1927, she married John Henry Kahler. They are living at Stillwater, Minnesota.

Child:

1. John Henry III (John Henry[10], Alexander[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born Monday, March 5, 1928, at Stillwater.

3. Odessa May, born at Montello, Wisconsin, August 17, 1878, was a babe in arms when the family removed to Odessa, Minnesota. They moved from there to Ortonville, Minnesota, in March, 1885. She was graduated from the High School in 1897 and taught in the district schools from September, 1897 to 1898.

On March 27, 1899, she married Bertel Bertelson, who lived near Ortonville. In 1902 they moved to Kenmare, North Dakota, where they had mining interests. They lived in Iron River, Wisconsin, in 1914, and in 1915 they returned to their former home at Ortonville. Nine years later they moved to Minneapolis (present place of residence in 1928).

Mr. Bertelson has held various positions; his excellent habits and attention to duty have won many friends. Mrs. Bertelson is a woman of rare strength of character and remarkable vigor. The family are active members of the Methodist Church.

Children:

1. Floy Lillian
2. Glen Wesley
3. Helen Grace
4. Gordon Fraser
5. Bertel William
6. Russell Irvin
7. Donald M.

1. Floy L. (Bertel[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Ortonville, Minnesota, January 29, 1900. She moved to Kenmare, North Dakota, and studied in the public schools there from 1906 to 1914. She then attended the Columbia High School at Iron River, Wisconsin, and was graduated from the Ortonville High School in 1917. She taught her first school at Osceola, Wisconsin; also taught in South Dakota and Big Stone County, Minnesota. Miss Bertelson served one year with the Northwestern Telegraph Company at Ortonville.

In November, 1918, she married Charles H. Budd, son of Charles Henry and Cornelia (Mayer) Budd.

Charles Budd enlisted, April 12, 1917, in the 13th Cavalry at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, for service in the World War. He was sent to El Paso, Texas, and in June he was transferred to the 21st Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas. Later he joined the 78th Field Artillery, 6th Division. In March, 1918, he received a non-commissioned office at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas. The regiment was sent to Camp Donaplin, Fort Still, Oklahoma, June 1, 1918.

He sailed July 5, 1918, from Hoboken, New Jersey; reached Liverpool July 18, 1918; embarked July 25 from South Hampton for LeHavre, France, and crossed from that point to Besonson, France (near the Swiss border). Promoted to sergeant in July, 1918, he was acting regimental sergeant, and had been appointed major at Liffor L. Grand, France, at the time the Armistice was signed. He sailed from Brest, France, June 10, 1919, landing at Hoboken, New Jersey, June 19. He was awarded honorable discharge at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. Budd is a graduate of Marquette Dental College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is practising his profession at Webster, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Charles H. (Charles[10], Bertel[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born August 3, 1921, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

2. Glen Raymond was born January 21, 1923, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

2. Glen Wesley, born February 1, 1901, at Ortonville, Minnesota, was taken to Kenmare, North Dakota, by his parents in 1902. Here he received his preliminary education. In 1914 he moved to Iron River, Wisconsin, and attended the public school, graduating from the eighth grade. He returned to his native town and was graduated from the high school with the Class of 1919.

He was employed by the First National Bank at Ortonville for three years. At present he is with the Penny Chain Store, with the prospect of becoming manager of a branch store.

He married, September 17, 1926, at Ortonville, Mildred Marian Bolsta, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bolsta.

3. Helen Grace was born at McKenney, North Dakota, August 31, 1902. She has resided at Iron River, Wisconsin, and Ortonville, where she was graduated from the High School Class of 1920. She served with the "Ortonville Star" as lino-

type operator, and later was employed by the Ortonville Independent.

She married Dr. Askel M. Strom, January 23, 1923. They reside at Ortonville.

Child:

1. Mary Virginia (Askel[10], Bertel[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Ortonville, Minnesota, November 6, 1923.

4. Gordon Fraser, born October 12, 1905; died August 20, 1910.

5. Bertel William, born November 18, 1908; died November 21, 1908.

6. Russell Irvin was born at Kenmare, North Dakota, December 5, 1909. In 1914 he moved with his parents to Iron River, Wisconsin, lived there one year, and then moved to Ortonville, where he attended school until 1924. The family moved to Minneapolis, and he graduated from the John Marshall High School, Minneapolis, with the Class of 1927.

7. Donald Maurice, place of birth, Kenmare, North Dakota, November 9, 1911. He received his early education at Ortonville, studied for a year at Minneapolis, and completed his school work at Ortonville High School.

4. Irvin W., born May 26, 1881; died January 3, 1886.

5. Myrtle Grace Fraser, born at Odessa, Minnesota, September 19, 1883, was three years old when she was brought to Ortonville. She completed her education in the Ortonville schools.

On September 19, 18__, she married Mark Boulton Pomroy. Mr. Pomroy is a printer by trade and has been in that line of work twenty-seven years, during which time he has held but three positions and has never missed a week. He served with W. C. Whiteman, of the Herald Star, nearly twelve years, and with Warren A. Stickney, of the Kenmare Journal, three and a half years. On September 11, 1911, he and his family moved to Montevideo, Minnesota, and he served as foreman of H. E. Howard's paper "The Montevideo Leader" seven years. Prior to this, the three weekly papers of the town consolidated into one, "The Montevedio News," of which he was foreman four years.

In April, 1912, he organized and taught the Montevideo Boy Scouts' Band. They began with twenty-seven charter members, which increased in number until in 1914 there were seventy-eight in the regular band, and thirty in the second band. They became known throughout Minnesota and other states as the largest "Boy Scout Band in America." This statement is an indisputable fact.

In June, 1914, Mr. Pomroy and his famous band played in many towns throughout the state. They were invited to furnish the music for the Firemen's State Convention at Fairmount, Minnesota. The boys traveled in a special car, carrying their own diner and Pullman, with a colored porter and special police. They remained in Fairmount four days. Several concerts were given enroute at Minneapolis and St. Paul. Also, a special concert was played for Governor Eberhart at his office in the State Capitol.

In November of the same year, under Mr. Pomroy's command, they visited St. Paul and gave concerts at the Auditorium. The band remained unbroken until the beginning of the World War. Thirty-one of the boys were in service and all returned—a remarkable record.

Mr. Pomroy has been a teacher of all brass and reed instruments for many years. In addition to his trade as printer, he conducts the band and has several private scholars.

Children:

1. Floyd Allen
2. Harland Eugene
3. Doris Gwendolyn
4. William Markwell
5. Donald Douglas
6. Marlin Vivian

1. Floyd A. (Mark[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born March 19, 1900, at Ortonville, Minnesota. He attended the schools at Montevideo. His musical education was received from his father. He is a charter member of the famous Boy Scout Band, in which he played baritone. In 1926 he toured the eastern and southern states with a vaudeville and concert band. The following year he played with a band at Denver, Colorado. In late 1926 Mr. Pomroy was at Appleton, Wisconsin, with an exceptionally fine band at the Terrace Gardens. His present place of residence is Chicago, Illinois, where he plays with the Settler Harmony Kings Orchestra. He married Cecelia Boyce, of Menasha, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Joyce (Floyd[10], Mark[9], William[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).
2. Harland Floyd, born July 6, 1925.

2. Harland Eugene, born at Ortonville, August 28, 1903, is the second son to be a charter member of Mark B. Pomroy's Boy Scout Band. In 1924, at Green Bay, Wisconsin, he joined the California Naval Band, which was touring Wisconsin and Michigan. Later he played with the same band, then stationed at Zuarez, Mexico, with headquarters at El Paso, Texas.

He married Junita Mae Brown, of Phoenix, Arizona, August 28, 1925. They are pleasantly situated at Long Beach,

California, where he holds a fine position as first trumpeter with Baxter's Majestic Orchestra.

3. Doris Gwendolyn was born November 25, 1907, at Ortonville, Wisconsin. Her education commenced in the Montevideo, Minnesota, grade school and she was graduated from the high school June 2, 1925. She completed her first year at Normal School at the age of seventeen and at eighteen was teaching a district school near her home.

4. William M., born at Kenmare, North Dakota, April 27, 1909, was about three when his parents moved to Montevideo, Minnesota. He left school in his sophomore year. Music is the profession which he has chosen and he bids fair to stand in line with his gifted brothers. He is playing the slide trombone with an orchestra.

5. Donald D. was born at Kenmare, North Dakota, October 10, 1910. He will graduate from the Montevideo High School with the Class of 1928. He is also a musician and plays Bass and Cornet. Undoubtedly the musical talent of the sons is a heritable gift handed down from father to son. The father has been their only teacher.

6. Marlin Vivian, born November 11, 1915; died November 15, 1915, at Montevideo, Minnesota.

6. William Eugene, born March 20, 188__, at Ortonville, Minnesota, was the fifth of the W. C. Fraser family to acquire an education in the Ortonville schools. His first venture in fending for himself began with the Soo Line at Kenmare, North Dakota, serving from 1908 to 1909. In 1910 he entered the service of a railway at Ortonville as telegraph operator, which position he has held for eighteen years. He is a popular and efficient employee. His kind and obliging disposition and pleasant manners have won for him a circle of many friends.

He married Bessie Amsler on February 2, 1908, at Kenmare. Mrs. Fraser shares with her husband the popularity of the community.

Child:

1. Ethel (William[8], William[7], Eliada[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born March 12, 1909, at Kenmare, North Dakota. Miss Ethel has lived in Ortonville since she was less than two years old. She was graduated from the high school June 22, 1927.

4. Ella Josephine Fraser was born November 10, 1855, at Hartford, Wisconsin, and was six weeks old when her parents moved to the place which a year later became Woodland village. She was educated in the public schools of the village and New Lisbon High School, Wisconsin. July 4, 1869, she married George A. Waldo, of Westfield, Wisconsin, the ceremony taking place at the home of her

father in Briggsville. Mr. and Mrs. Waldo left July 5 for their future home at Westfield, and they lived there until she was called to that bourn from which no traveler returns.

Mrs. Waldo had been an invalid three or more years, yet was patient and uncomplaining under the long years of suffering. She was well known and loved in the town where she had resided for more than forty years; her genial disposition and fund of humorous witticism made her companionship enjoyable and interesting. She was ever thoughtful, unselfish, and untiring in the faithful discharge of her duties as wife and mother.

Mrs. Waldo passed away February 27, 1915, and services were held from the home, conducted by Rev. Shepard, of the Presbyterian Church. He spoke from the text II Peter 1:14 chapter, pointing out the fact that putting off the tabernacle inferred the putting on of something more magnificent, even as the tabernacle foreshadowed the magnificent temple built by Solomon.

The Francis E. Willard Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which she was a member, attended in a body. A large concourse of relatives and friends were present to pay the last tribute to her who had endeared herself to the entire community. She was buried in the East Side Cemetery.

BIOGRAPHY

George A. Waldo was born at Connaught, Ohio, December 3, 1845. December 18, 1863, at Wautoma, Wisconsin, he enlisted in Company 1st Wisconsin Cavalry for service in the Civil War. His company saw active service in the battle of Nashville, Tennessee, and was also with Sherman's Army on his famous march to the sea, as well as participating in many skirmishes. Jefferson Davis was captured by this company, but Mr. Waldo was at that time confined in an isolation hospital because of smallpox so that he was unable to take part in that memorable event. He was mustered out June 6, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1867 he met with an unfortunate accident, in which his ankle was badly fractured, necessitating amputation. This was done in the first operation, but a second and third operation were necessary, until nothing was left of the limb but a stump—barely enough to fit into the socket of his artificial limb. The boy was among strangers and the amputation was performed by a doctor who possessed little, if any, knowledge of surgery. When he was able to return to his home town, he learned the harness trade and subsequently operated a shop there for many years. The indoor confinement was undermining his health so that he eventually found it necessary to engage in an occupation that would keep him out of doors. He entered the service of the Montello Marble Works as a

salesman, and at the same time bought livestock for a company in Chicago. Finally he became a traveling representative for patent medicines.

Mr. Waldo has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for many years, and also of the G. A. R. since its organization. He retired in 1920. He has passed his eighty-first year and is enjoying a well-earned rest, happy with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He has lived in Westfield about sixty years, and in the G. A. Waldo homestead forty-six years.

LINEAGE OF WALDO FAMILIES

The following record of the Waldo family I have copied from the History of Leeds and Greenville Counties, Ontario, Canada. This history, with its illustrations and biographical sketches, was compiled from 1749 to 1879 by Thad W. H. Leavitt, of Canada.

"THE WALDO FAMILY

This family is descended from Thomas Waldo, of Lyons, France, he being one of the first who renounced the doctrines of the Church of Rome in that country.

He is supposed to have been a brother of the celebrated Peter Waldo, who died in 1179. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, one of the descendants of Thomas Waldo came over from the Netherlands to escape the persecutions of the Duke D'Alva, and settled in England. In a house belonging to the family, situated in Surrey, England, is a wainscoting on which is cut the name 'Peter Waldo, 1575' (or 3), the last figure being difficult to decipher. One of his descendants, Sir Edward Waldo, was born 1632, and knighted in his own house, 1677, by Charles II, on which occasion he entertained the king, the princess, and the Duchess of York. Many descendants have occupied high positions in England, becoming dignitaries of the Church, warriors, and barristers.

The coat of arms of the family is entered in the College of Arms, 1687.

A branch of this family settled in the United States in the 17th century; Cornelius, supposed to be the first, settling at Ipsewich, Massachusetts, in 1644."

Cornelius Waldo, born in 1625, in France, came to America in 1647 (died in 1700), is without doubt a descendant of Thomas Waldo. The forebears of George A. Waldo were descendants of Cornelius. The above mentioned Waldos are of the 5th generation of Cornelius.

Children:

1. Mayo Cynthia 2. Chester Eugene 3. Fred

1. Mayo C. (George[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2] John[1]), born October 29, 1870, at Westfield, Wisconsin. She was graduated with the Class of 1886 from the Westfield High School, and the fall of that year and the spring of 1887, Miss Waldo taught in the rural school in the vicinity of her home.

February 26, 1887, she married Almon Dayton Sanford, of Trenton, Wisconsin, and moved to North Dakota, settling near Buffalo, Cass County, where Mr. Sanford engaged in farming. After five years, owing to failing health, they returned to their former home. The following year he purchased a farm in Springfield.

The Sanford family are members of Burr Oak Methodist Church, Adams County, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Sanford is a woman of rare qualities of character—patient, considerate, and benevolent. She finds her greatest pleasure in contributing to the comfort and happiness of her family—unceasing in her care for their interest and responsive to every appeal of duty and affection.

Children:

1. Charles Mason
2. George Almon
3. Leon Waldo
4. Ella May
5. Frank Erwin

1. Charles M. (Almon[9], George[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in Rich Township, Cass County, North Dakota, December 14, 1887. Five years later he was brought to Wisconsin by his parents. His education was started in the district school adjoining the Sanford homestead, and he was a student in Westfield High School for two years, but owing to a combination of events, he did not complete the full course required for graduation.

Charles worked in a creamery until he mastered the business, and subsequently bought and operated a creamery in Sheldon, Wisconsin. By good management and undivided attention to the business, he has made it a prosperous occupation.

July 3, 1910, Mr. Sanford married Gertrude Peck, daughter of Albert and _____.

Children:

1. Harold Ronald
2. Charles Ellis
3. Inez Margaret
4. Myrtle Gertrude

1. Harold R. (Charles[9], Almon[8], George[7], Eliada[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born December 23, 1911, at New Hope, Wisconsin.

2. Charles E., born February 27, 1915, at New Hope, Wisconsin.

3. Inez M., born March 19, 1923, at Sheldon, Wisconsin.

4. Myrtle Gertrude, born August 16, 1925, at Sheldon, Wisconsin.

2. George Almon, born February 26, 1890, Rich Township, Cass County, North Dakota, came to Wisconsin at the age of three years. His first schooling was obtained in the Springfield district, from which he was graduated. Born and reared on a farm, the life of an agriculturist appealed to him as a life vocation and one for which he was best fitted. Therefore, he remained with his father for several years. Later he left home to enter the employ of a neighboring farmer, who recognized the honorable, conscientious, and dependable qualities of the lad and permitted him to conduct the work according to his judgment. In 1918 he was classed "an expert farmer". He returned to the homestead, leased the farm, and planned various improvements about the place.

Thirteen days later he became ill with Spanish Influenza, followed by pneumonia, and passed away December 14, 1918. George had been a member of Burr Oak Methodist Church since 1905. He had lived an exemplary life, pure in thought and deed, and fearlessly and untroubled he answered the summons of his Heavenly Father, whom he had served faithfully.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by the pastor of his church the Rev. J. H. MacMannus. He was buried in East Side Cemetery by the side of his brother, who had died of the same disease two months previous to the passing of George. Unmarried.

3. Leon Waldo Sanford, born July 23, 1892, Rich Township, Cass County, North Dakota, was a babe in arms when his parents settled in Wisconsin in 1892. He obtained his preliminary education at the district school of Springfield, receiving a diploma at the age of twelve years. In 1904 he entered the Westfield High School, from which he was graduated in 1908. The fall of that year he engaged in educational work in Kendall, and later taught in New Lisbon, Wisconsin, as professor of mathematics. During the summer vacations, he attended the Stevens Point Normal, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and completed the English course. In 1917 he entered the University of Wisconsin, Madison, to specialize in mathematics, a branch of study in which he showed remarkable talent.

Leon enlisted June 15, 1918, at Madison, Wisconsin, in the 30th Radio Section, Company H, of the United States Signal Corps. After two months' instruction, he, with seven of of a class of forty, were selected to be sent to the College of the

City of New York for further instruction as quartermasters. They arrived in New York August 17, 1918; September 8 he was taken to the United States Base Hospital, No. 1 Gunhill Road, and operated for appendicitis. September 30 he was given a permit to return to the College, which was revoked an hour later because of an outbreak of Spanish Influenza in the camp. The entire hospital was quarantined.

A few days later, Leon contracted the disease, followed by pneumonia, and he died October 13, 1918. His parents were unable to make the journey from Wisconsin to New York City, and the writer, great-aunt of Leon, who resided in the City, visited him daily. October 12, she was called to the hospital at seven o'clock in the morning and remained at his bedside continuously for thirty-six hours. Leon died Sunday, October 13, at one o'clock in the afternoon. His remains were sent home for burial on Monday, accompanied by Sergeant Edward Binder, as escort.

Funeral services were held on the lawn of his grandfather's home in Westfield, and were conducted by the Rev. J. H. MacMannus, pastor of South Burr Oak Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. A. G. Taylor, of Westfield. Leon had been a member of Burr Oak Church since 1904, later transferring his membership to the New Lisbon Church. He was buried in East Side Cemetery.

The following expression of sympathy from the Local Council of Defense was read by Rev. MacMannus at the services:

> "Leon was the first soldier from his home town who answered his country's call. The Westfield Council of Defense wishes to make known to the relatives and friends of our lamented soldier that it recognizes he belongs to the community as well as his family, and that the community feels that it should have expected the privilege of doing so, had not it been for the order of the State health authorities prohibiting public gatherings at the present time."

Leon took life as it was sent to him and lived it faithfully, looking and striving toward that better life. He had the warmest affection for his parents, brothers and sister, and grandparents. He seemed to have had a presentiment that he would not return because, from the time of his enlistment, he carried a ten thousand dollar insurance, payable to his parents; also a thousand not connected with the war insurance, and he had Liberty Bonds and War Stamps. Unmarried.

4. Ella May, daughter of Almon and Mayo Sanford, was born September 9, 1898, in Springfield Township, Wisconsin,

where she attended the district school near the Sanford homestead. Having a natural aptitude for study, she made the grades easily and received a diploma. She entered the Westfield High School the following September and was graduated with the Class of 1916. That fall she taught school near her home, remaining for two years, and then taught for two years in the Springfield district. During the summer vacation, she studied at the State Normal of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

November 3, 1920, Miss Sanford married Fred Martin, son of Charles and Mary Martin. Mr. Martin is a practical farmer, as comfortably situated financially as the average farmer in the district. He owns and operates his land. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the Almon Methodist Church.

Children:

1. Glen Allen (Fred[10], Almon[9], George[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Almon, Wisconsin, October 8, 1921.

2. Carol Elaine, born April 29, 1925, at Almon.

5. Frank Erwin was born February 1, 1902, at the Springfield homestead. His preparatory education was obtained in the home district school, from which he was granted a diploma. He was graduated from Westfield High School with the Class of 1921.

He remained on the homestead for a short time after his marriage in 1922 to Lula Van Alstine, daughter of Warren and Emma Van Alstine, of Big Spring, Wisconsin. Later he entered the employ of a brother, at Sheldon, Wisconsin, but owing to the failing health of his father, he returned home and is carrying on the management of the farm with his progressive and practical methods. There is every reason to believe that he will become one of the successful and prosperous agriculturists of the county.

Mrs. Sanford was interested in educational work prior to her marriage, and has been teaching again for the past two years.

Child:

1. Alice Lucille (Frank[10], Almon[9], George[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born on the Sanford homestead in 1923.

2. Chester Eugene Waldo was born May 17, 1876, at Westfield, Wisconsin, and received his education at the public school. His first position was that of purchasing agent for a Chicago produce company, which he held for several years; eventually he became a traveling buyer agent for the same company.

Mr. Waldo married Augusta Fluter, of Westfield, October

28, 1896. Mrs. Waldo is a warm-hearted woman who is held in high esteem by her many friends; a lovable person, her greatest pleasure is found in contributing to the comfort of others.

Children:

1. Vern E. 2. Clifford Merwin 3. Elden Chester

1. Vern E. (Chester[9], George[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Westfield, July 3, 1898; educated at the public schools of his native town. In 1914 he became a clerk in the Waldo and Wetlaufer Drug Store, at Westfield, which he left to follow other lines of work until 1919, and then returned to their employ. He has the good will of his employers and patrons because of his prompt attention and courtesy.

In 1916 he married Mary Keiller, born at Craiglen, Scotland, the daughter of James and Mary (Sands) Keiller. Mrs. Waldo has won favorable recognition as a violinist and teacher of violin.

Children:

1. George Chester (Vern[10], Chester[9], George[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born at Montello, Wisconsin, 1917.

2. Nina Eugenia, born October 30, 1919, at the G. A. Waldo homestead, Westfield, Wisconsin.

3. Dean Vernon, born September 30 1923, at the G. A. Waldo homestead, Westfield, Wisconsin.

2. Clifford Merwin, son of Chester and Augusta Waldo, born July 1, 1902; he was scarcely more than a child when called December 13, 1918, after a short illness of Spanish Influenza. He was a freshman at the Westfield High School at the time of his death.

Clifford was a splendid type of boy, and his cheerful kindness to old and young was an ineffable part of him.

Services were held at the home, the Rev. J. H. McMannus officiating, with burial in the East Side Cemetery of Westfield.

3. Elden C. Waldo, born April 12, 1906, at Westfield, Wisconsin, attended the public school until his fifteenth year, followed by one year at Princeton, Wisconsin. Eventually he established a barber shop at Johnson Creek, same state. Unmarried.

3. Fred Leo Waldo was born February 8, 1879, at Westfield, Wisconsin. He left school in his freshman year to enter the office of Dr. Runlet, remaining there for a short time. He began clerking in the pharmacy of Lechlanwaler, in Westfield, in 1897, and in 1900 he entered the Milwaukee Medical College; later passing the State Board examination. He studied at the same college in 1902 and passed the State Board's second examination,

after which he formed a partnership with Dr. H. F. Fredrick. The following year they bought the building. Some time later the partnership was dissolved and the business carried on by Mr. Waldo and Mr. Wetlaufer; the company also conducting a drug store at Coloma and at Montello, Wisconsin. Mr. Wetlaufer took charge at Montello, and Mr. Waldo at Westfield.

The business increased until more floor space was required. August 1, 1922, the old building was razed to make room for a two-story brick store, with basement, which has modern conveniences throughout and the interior decorations and finishing are of the best.

December 1, 1922, they were settled in their new pharmacy, called "Rexall"—"Rex, King of all," Waldo and Wetlaufer, one of the ten thousand stores in the State of Wisconsin.

Mr. Waldo has every reason to be proud of his career—beginning on the ground floor, he has climbed to the top by his own efforts. Ever a resourceful man, he meets all positions of life with the confidence and courage coming from a recognition of one's powers and capacities, together with a just conception of the experience which goes with a successful life.

One of the most efficient and prosperous men of his native town, upright in all of his dealings, no man in the community has a wider circle of friends than Fred L. Waldo. Born and reared in Westfield, his interest has always been centered in and for its people.

He is treasurer of the I. O. O. F. Building Association, and also of the Parents and Teachers' Association; elder of the Presbyterian Church, and clerk of all the sessions, and for several years has had charge of the member canvass.

November 18, 1902, he married Iva Crane, daughter of Frank E. and Adeline Franzula (DuMott) Crane, of Lincoln Adams County, Wisconsin. Mrs. Waldo engaged in educational work at the age of sixteen and taught four years in the district school near her home. She is of the finest type of womanhood—a gracious hostess, the hospitality of her home is delightful. Mrs. Waldo takes a helpful interest in her husband's business in addition to holding prominent positions in various organizations. She is secretary of Rebekah Lodge and Auxiliary; secretary of literature for the Missionary Society; holds a responsible office in the Eastern Star; is president of the Rebekah Lodge District, including Westfield, Plainfield, Montello, Oxford, Wautoma, Almon, and Coloma, and is also chairman of the Sick Committee of the Lodge. Withal, she still finds time to discharge her social obligations, and responds to frequent calls for aid in times of sickness and death.

The family are active members of the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School.

Child:

1. Addie Ella Elizabeth (Fred[9], George[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Westfield, Wisconsin, October 26, 1903.

She was valedictorian of Westfield High School class of 1921, and in 1923 she was graduated from the Stevens Point Normal course in Home Economics, High School English and Library Methods. Her professional career was started in Friendship, Wisconsin, where she taught Home Economics and High School English.

Miss Waldo is a musician of unusual ability and was given charge of the school music and plays for the Boys' Club. In addition, she was the Campfire Girls' guardian.

In 1925-26 Miss Waldo taught in Hancock, Wisconsin, having charge of Home Economics and English the first year, and General Science the second, as well as supervising the Glee Club and Orchestra.

She attended the Milwaukee Normal School during the summer vacation of 1927, specializing in music. In 1927-28 she is teaching in Blair, Wisconsin.

6. Chester A. Fraser, son of Eliada and Cynthia Jane Fraser, born at Woodland, June 29, 1859, was four when his primary education began at the public school in his home town. Later he attended the New Lisbon, Westfield, and Portage High Schools, all Wisconsin towns.

He married, August 7, 1879, Minnie Pixly, of Portage, Wis., daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Blanchard) Pixly.

Children:

1. Eugene Charles.
2. Robert Eliada, born August 30, 1882; died September 2, 1882.
3. Bessie May, born January 25, 1884; died June 3, 1885.
4. Inez Clare.
5. Grace Elnora.

1. Eugene C. (Chester[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born June 13, 1880, attended the Portage and Milwaukee public schools, supplemented by one year at Sacred Heart College, Watertown, Wis.

At an early age he entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company as office boy. Meanwhile, he learned telegraphy, with the intention of following that as a profession. Eventually he became a traveling auditor for the St. Paul and Milwaukee division. Mr. Fraser has filled this position in a creditable manner. Thoroughness and a determination to make a success of whatever he undertakes are some of his characteristics.

He married Hazel Burroughs, of Lone Rock, Wis., June 21, 1907. They have resided in Milwaukee for many years. Mr. Fraser is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Children:

1. Donald Burroughs (Eugene[9], Chester[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Mason City, Iowa, April 5, 1908, was graduated from Riverside High School with the class of 1927. He is a De Molay.

2. Marjorie Elizabeth, born at Burlington, Wis., April 3, 1913, attended the Center Street and Washington High Schools in Milwaukee, Wis.

4. Inez Clare, born May 6, 1886, at Portage, Wis., moved to Milwaukee with her parents in 1891, and was educated in the Milwaukee schools.

She married S. W. Taff, son of William and Etta V. Taff, at Milwaukee, October 22, 1907. Mr. Taff is of French and English parentage. He is secretary and treasurer of a well established decorating firm in his home city and is affiliated with the Masonic order. Mrs. Taff is a member of the O. E. S. Church: Methodist.

Children:

1. Ellis Sanborn (William[9], Chester[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born September 26, 1908, at Milwaukee, Wis. He passed the consecutive grades of the Milwaukee schools and was graduated from high school with the class of 1924. He entered the University of Wisconsin in the fall of 1924 and is now (1927) in his junior year, having just completed his sophomore year with high honors. Ellis is looking forward to attending Oxford, England, in the near future. He is a member of De Molay.

2. Doris Loraine, born at Milwaukee, August 10, 1913, is now completing her high school work at South Division High School (1928). She is specializing in dramatic art, in which she is especially gifted.

5. Grace Elnora, born January 2, 1889, at Portage, Wis., was two years old when her family moved to Milwaukee. Here she acquired her education. On August 27, 1908, she married Milton E. Harland, born at Harland, Kansas, son of Col. and Eva Harland. Mrs. Harland is a member of the O. E. S. and her husband is a Mason. Church: Methodist.

Mr. Fraser married, secondly, Sadie Louise Allcott, on September 3, 1900, in Milwaukee. She was born December 19, 1864, at Milwaukee, daughter of Sydney Volney William and Louise Isabella (Kramer) Allcott. Mrs. Fraser is a business woman of great ability. One of her greatest pleasures is in contributing to the comfort and happiness of her family.

Children:

1. Marian Allcott 2. Sydney Chester } (twins)
3. Dorothy }

1. Marian (Chester[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born March 26, 1902, at Milwaukee, Wis., and was educated at the Island Avenue School, graduating with the class of 1916. She entered Riverside High School that fall. She was a musician of unusual ability, and would have been graduated in 1919 and entered the Wisconsin College of Music.

It was generally known that she had been in poor health for several months, but the family did not realize that she was seriously ill. Before it became known beyond the circle of her friends, she had passed away March 12, 1919. Her sudden death came at the close of a short and beautiful life, and was a shock to all her friends. I have taken the following from Marian's Memoriam:

> "She was a most talented musician. However, it is not for these qualities that she will be remembered most, but rather for her sweet personality and good-fellowship. She was dearly beloved by all that enjoyed her friendship and had the opportunity of knowing her fine traits of character."

The passing of Marian left a void that will not soon be filled. She was laid beside her father in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee.

2. Sydney Chester, born in Milwaukee, September 28, 1904, was graduated from the Island Avenue grade school in February, 1919. He studied the Science Course at Riverside High School for one and one-half years, and from September, 1920, to June, 1923, he attended the School of Engineering at Milwaukee. He was graduated from the Electrical Department in December, 1922, and from Armature Winding in June, 1923. Mr. Fraser was employed by Cutler-Hammer Mfg. Co. from July, 1923, to November, 1925. At present he is instructor in charge of the Extension Division work at the School of Engineering, Milwaukee.

On October 30, 1926, Mr. Fraser married, at St. Francis Church, Milwaukee, Miss Sophie Zube, daughter of Mr. Leo and Martha (Sobiski) Zube.

Child:

1. John (Sydney[9], Chester[8], Eliada[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born August 8, 1927, at Milwaukee; died August 16, 1927.

3. Dorothy Allcott, born September 28, 1904, at Milwaukee, Wis., was a child of three years and six months when she enrolled in the Lutheran Kindergarten School. After completing

her education at the Island Avenue grade school and Riverside High School, she was graduated, at the age of 16, with the class of 1921. In July of that year she entered the employ of the Old Line Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, as a stenographer, which position she is holding with credit and satisfaction to the company. Miss Fraser's winning personality and kindly disposition have gained for her many true, steadfast friends.

The following sketch of Chester A. Fraser's life was copied from the November 3, 1908, Evening Wisconsin Daily, published in Milwaukee:

"CHET" FRASER CALLED

Pioneer Milwaukee Railroad Man Expires Today. Formerly Conductor on LaCrosse Division. Had Charge of Terminals at Chicago, Ill.

Chester A. Fraser, assistant superintendent of terminals of the Milwaukee Road, at Chicago, and for eight years station master in Milwaukee, died this morning at 7:35 o'clock at his residence, 778 Second Street, after an illness of over a year. He was 49 years of age. The funeral will be held from the residence Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Judson Titsworth, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, officiating. Interment will be at Forest Home.

Mr. Fraser, who has been in the employ of the Milwaukee Road for about thirty years, was a native of Woodland, Dodge County, Wis. When a boy of 14, he entered the service of the road as a freight brakeman. At the age of 19 he was a freight conductor, running between Portage and LaCrosse. Then he was given a passenger train on the LaCrosse Division, where he remained fifteen years, his last service as conductor being on the Milwaukee Business Men's Watertown train. He served eight years as station master in this city. October, 1904, he was promoted to assistant superintendent of terminals at Chicago. While there he broke down under the strain and was given an indefinite leave of absence.

His illness came upon the eve of his advancement to a more responsible position. Mr. Fraser was a member of Lodge No. 46 of Railway Conductors.

Few men have more reason to be proud of their records. His work required ability of a high order, and the future had much in store for him. In every position he was popular and efficient, and had an extended acquaintance throughout the state."

Beautiful floral offerings and the large assembly of friends paid last tribute to his memory.

4. Charlotte Ann Keyser was born in Limerick, Brownville Township, New York, September 30, 1840. She received her preliminary education there before coming to Wisconsin in 1848. She then attended the Cole School in Herman Township, Dodge County.

She married, at the home of her parents in Hubbard Township, William Craig, born aboard ship sailing from England to America. His mother died and was buried at sea.

After their marriage, the Craigs resided in Woodland until October, 1864, when they moved to Rock Elm Township, Pierce County, Wisconsin. Mr. Craig was a carpenter by trade and he did this work in addition to his farming.

In 1884 they moved to Olivet, Wisconsin, where Mrs. Craig died September 14, 1898, of heart failure; burial took place at Poplar Hill, Spring Valley, Wisconsin. Mrs. Craig possessed a genial and likeable disposition and was much beloved in the community where she lived. Mr. Craig died September 5, 1912, at Spring Valley and was buried beside his wife.

Child:

1. Edna (William[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) obtained her education at the Rock Elm public school. On October 3, 1880, she married Henry Nelson at Hersey, St. Croix County, Wisconsin. Mr. Nelson was born of Danish parents on Norwegian soil, May 7, 1850.

They resided with Mrs. Nelson's parents until 1884, when they moved to a home near the Craigs. In 1900 the Nelson family settled in Spring Valley.

Mr. Nelson died June 21, 1919, and his wife fifteen minutes later of heart failure. They were buried in the family lot at Poplar Hill Cemetery, Rock Elm.

Child:

1. William Irvin (Henry[8], William[7], Adam[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at the Craig homestead in Rock Elm Township, Wisconsin, August 15, 1881. He was graduated from the grade school in Olivet, and from the Spring Valley High School in 1902, after which he engaged in educational work in Pierce County schools. During his vacations he assisted his father in carpenter work. On May 2, 1904, he went to Milwaukee to take a business course, and upon its completion, he taught in various business colleges in Milwaukee, interspersing it with office work, until the fall of 1921. Since that time he has been connected with commercial work in Missouri, Kansas, and Ottowa, Illinois.

Mr. Nelson married Eleanor McYuoid at Colony, Kansas, on June 22, 1923. She was born June 21, 1897, at Omaha, Nebraska, daughter of John McYuoid, born in Aire, Scotland. He was a Methodist. His wife was Frances Elliott, and after his death she married O. C. Myers.

Mr. Nelson met his wife at Hardin College, Mexico, Missouri, in 1921. She was on the conservatory piano faculty for two years, and he had charge of the commercial department. They are students of Christian Science, although not members of any church.

5. Chester Sylvester, son of Adam and Charlotte (Cole) Keyser, was born in 1846 at Limerick, New York; died January 18, 1864, of smallpox at the Keyser homestead near Woodland, Wisconsin, and was buried in the Cole Cemetery, Herman Township. Unmarried.

X. Willis Secum Cole, tenth child and seventh son of Benjamin and Charlotte Cole, was born Tuesday, May 5, 1810, at the Cole homestead, near Pamilia 4 Corners, N. Y. He attended the district school six months of the year until he had passed his fourteenth birthday. I am uncertain of the year Willis joined his parents in Canada, yet have every reason to believe that he was living at Norwich with them the year following their emigration.

He married Sophronia Cynthia Woodward, January 24, 1839, at Bradford, Jefferson County, N. Y., where she was born May 2, 1819, and lived the early years of her life. Willis and his wife moved to Canada. He engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1848, at which time they came to Wisconsin and settled in Hubbard Township, Dodge County. Here they enjoyed the pleasures and endured the hardships of pioneer life.

Many of the settlers were persuaded to invest in shares of the Milwaukee-LaCrosse Railway Company. The company promised to build a railroad through Washington and Dodge Counties that would run through Herman and Hubbard Townships. Willis Cole, with other farmers, mortgaged his farm and other property. "In 1856 the railway company closed the mortgages to obtain the money to build the road. They built just enough to make the mortgages valid. The shares held by the farmers were not worth the paper they were written on and the mortgages were foreclosed. For years the farmers litigated against their creditors"—copied from history of Washington County, Wis.

Mr. Cole lost his farm and everything connected with it. He was a progressive, hard-working farmer. In a few years he had been able to erect a frame house that was comfortable and convenient. His barns and other buildings were well built. His herd of cattle and flock of sheep were kept in fine condition. The Willis S. Cole holdings were rated among the best in the township. His orchard was the best in the county, and every tree was of his planting.

The writer of this sketch of Willis S. Cole was a close neighbor and a resident of Woodland when they were robbed of their home and forced to begin anew. Their fine homestead had not been won by chance, but gained by the hardest of hard toil.

They moved to Burnett Junction in 1866 and operated a hotel and boarding house there for twenty years. They retired in 1891 and located in Nora Springs, Iowa. Two years later, owing to their advanced years and feebleness, they returned to Milton Junction to live with their daughter, Mrs. P. H. Cole.

The friends and neighbors in the community in which Mr. and Mrs.

Cole lived for many years attended their wedding anniversary celebration in 1902. The following account is copied from the Milton Junction News:

"WEDDED MANY YEARS"

"Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cole, of Milton Junction, celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. P. H. Cole.

From the hours of two to five P. M., two hundred of their friends called to pay their respects and hearty wishes for many returns of the day.

It was a notable event of the week. They received many gifts from their friends in the community in which they had lived more than thirty years at Burnett Junction, when they came to live with their daughter, among the gifts being a purse of twenty-five dollars, and a handsome easy chair."

The Milton Junction weekly paper also gave an account of the reception given in their honor, which was attended by nearly the entire population of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole both lived to octogenarian honor. Mr. Cole, born May 5, 1810 died April 9, 1904, lacking twenty-six days of being ninety-four.

Mrs. Cole, born May 2, 1819, died October 24, 1902, at the age of ninety-one years, five months, and twenty-two days. They were buried at Milton Junction Cemetery.

"Grandmother" Cole, as she was familiarly known, possessed a strong Christian faith and a sweet womanly character which cast its beneficent influence on all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She and her husband united with the Methodist Church early in their married life, and were ever faithful to its tenets. The funeral services were held from that church, Rev. Andrews officiating.

Children:

1. William Milton
2. Jessie Benjamin
3. Albert Emery
4. A son, born May 5, 1850; died June, same year.
5. A daughter, born April 5, 1853; died October, 1853. Buried in Cole Cemetery.
6. Ada Grace

1. William M. (Willis[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born August 17, 1840, in Oxford County, Upper Canada; obtained his elementary education at the district schools in Canada. At the age of eight he came to Wisconsin, and attended the Cole School in the Cole settlement, Herman and Hubbard Townships, Dodge County.

Mr. Cole's first occupation was that of telegraph operator. Later he became station master at Beaver Dam, Wis., Parker, S. Dakota, and finally Los Angeles, Calif.

He married Helen McKercher, of New Lisbon, Wis.

Mr. Cole retired from active service some years ago. He has passed his eighty-eighth birthday and is remarkably well preserved for his age. Since his retirement, he and his son have been making their home together at Los Angeles, Calif.

Child:

1. Frank W. (William[7], Willis[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born at Beaver Dam, Wis., November 4, 1865; married, May 21, 1889, Louise Palmer, of Norfolk, Neb.

Child:

1. Doris Maud (Frank[8], William[7], Willis[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).

2. Jessie Benjamin, born near Norwich, Oxford County, Upper Canada, August 10, 1842, came to Wisconsin at the age of six. I have been told that he had passed the primary grades in Canada. He attended the Cole School in Herman Township for several years and then learned telegraphy, in which he became expert. Later he was station agent at Burnett Junction, Wis.

He married Sarah J. Merrill, of Burnett Junction, born January 12, 1849. Mr. Cole died May 5, 1899, and was buried at Burnett Junction.

Children:

1. Fred Merrill (Jessie[7], Willis[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born in 1871; married Molly Herrick, of Ashland, Wis., October 9, 1902.

Children:

1. Fred 2. Elnora 3. Elizabeth

All were born at Ashland, Wis. Further information regarding this family not available.

2. Winnfred Cole, married E. M. Cole.

3. Edgar Cole, born October 21, ...

There is little available record of this branch.

3. Albert Emery was born November 27, 1846, in Upper Canada, and came to Wisconsin two years later. He acquired his elementary education at the Cole School; supplemented by several years at the public school at Woodland Village.

He married Sarah J. Bowen, of Pardeville, Wis., in 1869. I learned about the later years of his life from the obituary found in the newspaper:

"OBITUARY OF ALBERT COLE

The entire community was shocked by the announcement that Al. Cole was dead.

Mrs. Cole received a wire from Pukwana, S. D., Friday evening, saying that her husband was very ill and to come at

once. A few minutes later a second wire came saying he was dead. The suddenness of his death led to the suspicion that he was the victim of an accident or possibly foul play. His death was caused by stricture of the bowels.

Mr. Cole was born near Norwich, Canada. He came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1848. In 1872 he moved to Iowa and accepted a position as station agent at Nora Springs, which position he held for twenty-seven years, and then transferred to other stations on the Milwaukee road and was in their service at the time of his death.

The funeral occurred from the Methodist Church, the church to which he belonged not being large enough to hold the large crowd of friends who came to pay their respects to the departed.

Rev. March, of the Congregational Church, in a few well chosen words told of the life of the deceased.

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. That order had charge of the funeral and dedicated his remains to their last earthly resting place in the Park Cemetery with their impressive ceremonies.

Mr. Cole's parents, of Milton Junction, Wisconsin, were present at the services. These old people are without doubt the oldest couple in the State of Wisconsin, having been married sixty-four years.

Mr. Cole was an honest and upright man, and a friend to everyone. His death was sincerely mourned. Those present at the funeral: his brother, W. M. Cole, and son, of Parker, S. D.; Mrs. Ada Cole, a sister, of Milton Junction; Jedd, of Beulah, Iowa, and A. E., sons of Albert E. Sr."

Children:

1. Jedd W. (Albert[8], Willis[7], Dorastus[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) born in 1872 at Pardeville, Wis.; married Ella Pitts of Nora Springs, Iowa. Without issue.

2. George, born August 7, 1878, at Nora Springs, Iowa.

3. Ruth, born in September, 1884, at Nora Springs, Iowa; died in 1893 or 1894.

6. Ada Grace was born May 7, 1856, at the homestead near Woodland, Wis. She attended the public school there until the family moved to Burnett Junction in 1866, where she met and married Philander H. Cole on July 4, 1872.

Mr. Cole was with the Northwestern Railroad for forty-one years, and was agent for thirty-one years. He resigned and was pensioned for his long service, coupled with disability from rheumatism. In January, 1911, they removed to Los Angeles, California.

Children:

1. Jessie Ray
2. Guy E.
3. Edna G.
4. Willis R.
5. Mabel L.
6. Ralph H.
7. Benjamin H.
8. Edith P.

1. Jessie Ray (Philander[7], Willis[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]). Place of birth, Caledonia, Ill.; date of birth, December 8, 1873. He married Alice Button, of Milton Junction, Wis.

Mr. Cole is the proprietor of the Redfield Mercantile Company Department Store, at Redfield, S. D. He is a member of the Masonic order.

Child:

1. George Button (Jessie[8], Philander[7], Willis[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Milton Junction, Wis., July 4, 1911. He is a graduate of Redfield High School, class of 1928.

2. Guy Ernest, born at Oakfield, Wis., February 25, 1876, came to Milton Junction with his parents in 1880. He acquired in the graded schools an excellent practical education, which sometimes serves a better purpose than years of college training. Mr. Cole has been employed by the Northwestern road for thirty-one years, the greater part of that time as engineer, which position he holds at the present time (1928). For the past two years he has been an associate in real estate. His cordiality and kindly disposition have won for him many warm friends.

He married, at Rockford, Ill., Vera Thiry, born July 18, 1877, at Fort Atkinson, Wis., the daughter of Charles and Lydia Jane Thiry.

Mrs. Cole is an intellectual woman, a keen observer, and a generous, sympathetic and steadfast friend. The community in which she resides has benefitted greatly from her good work. Mrs. Cole is a member of the Chicago and Northwestern R. R. Woman's Club, and also the Parent-Teachers' Association of the Bartlett Ave. School, Milwaukee, Wis. She attends the Kenwood Methodist Church, Milwaukee.

Children:

1. Evan (Guy[8], Philander[7], Willis[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born December 16, 1911, at Janesville, Wis. He is a graduate of the State Teachers College Training School, where he was a valued member of the Stage Staff and is now a student of science at Riverside High School, preparing for a college course in electrical engineering.

Evan takes an active part in all school activities. He is a regular attendant at Kenwood Methodist Church.

2. Curtis Woodward, born May 1, 1920, at Milwaukee, is a student at the Bartlett Ave. School. It is difficult to determine

what vocation he will adopt; there are so many quirks in his boyish mind. The thoroughness with which he endeavors to solve problems, whether mental or physical, is an outstanding characteristic. His kindness of heart and pleasing personality make him a delightful companion for young and old.

3. Edna Grace was born March 24, 1878, at Oakfield, Wis., and came to Milton Junction two years later with her parents. Here she received her education in the graded and high schools. She married Walter Atherton at Milton, October 9, 1900, and moved to Long Beach, Calif., where Mr. Atherton is a skilled garage mechanic.

Children:

1. Phyllis Lois (Walter[8], Philander[7], Willis[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) died in infancy.

2. Edgar Alvin, born at Lodi, Calif.

4. Willis Russell, born January 6, 1882, at Milton Junction, Wis., attended the graded school and acquired all the educational advantages of which he was disposed to avail himself. He left school before entering high school.

Willis married Bertha Heine at Rockford, Ill. At an early age he became a professional baseball player with the Chicago White Sox team, and in later years played with various non-professional teams. At present he is working at the Nash Company's plant, Racine, Wis., as a mechanic. He is a Mason.

Children:

1. Philip (Willis[8], Philander[7], Willis[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born June 13, 1905, at Erie, Pa., and is a graduate of Kenosha High School. He is married and living in Chicago, Ill.

2. Alleen, born December 23, 1907, at Erie, Pa., and educated at the graded schools of Kenosha, Wis., is unmarried and residing with her parents. She is said to be a young lady of gentle and gracious character.

5. Mabel Lois was born at Milton Junction, Wis., December 30, 1883. The following, pertaining to the life and death of Miss Cole, has been taken from the Janesville Gazette:

"The many friends of Miss Cole were shocked to learn Friday evening of her death from an operation for appendicitis. The operation was performed Tuesday at the Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago, and until Thursday afternoon she was thought to be doing well, when she suffered a relapse and died at 3:24 Friday afternoon.

"She was born in Milton Junction, Wis., December 30, 1883. Practically all her life was spent in this village, where

she attended the public schools, graduating from the high school in the class of 1903.

"About eight months ago she began training in the Illinois Training School for Nurses in Chicago. She was especially adapted for that profession and was making excellent progress when the grim reaper called her home. Mabel Lois was of the most friendly character and excellent grace, and was only to be known to be loved.

"The large attendance of friends at the funeral services and profuse floral offerings were a testimony to the high esteem in which she was held.

"Interment in the Milton Junction Cemetery."

To the Memory of Maybelle Lois Cole
by Kittie McBride

What is Death?
The closing of the love-lit eyes,
The last fond word be said,
The long-drawn, feeble shuddering sigh,
We weep; and say "She is dead."
That is not death!

What is death?
The bright immortal doors have ope'd,
Within, a spirit passed,
The Savior takes the dear one's hand,
And leads to bliss that lasts,
That is death.

Dear friend of days that now are gone,
Though has passed the vale,
The Father holds thee in his care,
Why should our hearts bewail,
Thou art ours, still ours, though gone before.

In that far land of perfect bliss
Do you recall us, who must stay
Below thee on this mundane sphere?
If so, then for us pray
To give to me that perfect gift of charity
That ever has been thine.

And thou art gone from us dear heart,
Yet the lily tells that when he rose
He deemed we all should have a part
In that great Resurrection Morn.
"A little while" and we will come
And then remain for eternity.

6. Ralph Howard, born May 3, 1886, at Milton Junction, Wis., was graduated from the graded and high schools of his native town. Judging from his progress, he undoubtedly has acquired an excellent business education. He is employed by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company as a supervisor at Milwaukee, Wis. He married Alice McKenzie at Rockford, Ill.

Child:

1. Ralph, Jr. (Ralph[8], Philander[7], Willis[6], Bemjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born August 22, 1907, at Chicago, Ill., and was graduated from the West Division High School, Milwaukee. He is an employee of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company at Milwaukee, and resides at home. Unmarried.

7. Benjamin Harrison was born at Milton Junction, November 8, 1892. He married Naomi Morgan at Stockton, Calif., in 1915. Mr. Cole has been local agent for the American Express Company at Tracy, Calif., for several years.

8. Edith Isabel, born at Milton Junction, February 16, 1895, married William Barrows. He is supervisor of telephones for the Hotel Biltmore, Bank of Italy, and Grand Pacific Building, Los Angeles, Calif. Without issue.

XI. Sylvester was born Monday, December 30, 1811, near Pamilia 4 Corners, New York. He received his education in the common schools of the district, supplemented by such wide and general reading that he became a man of very extensive information. While still a resident of Pamilia, he engaged in educational work. He married Maria Ougsbury, daughter of David and M. Ougsbury. They came to Wisconsin and settled in Beaver Dam in 1856.

It is believed that he was an accountant in a real estate office. Eventually he removed to Mendota, Illinois, where he and his wife died and were buried; dates not obtainable.

Children:

1. John E. 2. Eunice 3. Arabelle 4. Webster

1. John E. (Sylvester[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in Jefferson County, New York. He came west with his parents, and later taught school in Woodland Village and Cole School in Herman Township, Wisconsin.

He enlisted at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, April 21, 1861; promoted to Sergeant, February 20, 1862, in Company D; mustered out May 20, 1862 for disability. He was later Commissary Sergeant, "non-commissioned officer," in Company G, Infantry; date of enlistment, September 27, 1864; mustered out in 1865.

He remained in Washington in the employ of the government until he became blind. The date and place of his death are unknown.

2. Eunice was born in New York; married Henry Clark at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; died in 1868 or 1869.

3. } Arabelle and Webster were born in Pamilia, New York.
4. } Belle married St. John at Peoria, Illinois; they had a son, Max John. They were living in Mendota when they died.

Further records of the descendants of Sylvester Cole are not obtainable.

XII. Betsy Cole Fox, daughter of Benjamin and Charlotte Cole, was born Monday, October 15, 1813, at the Cole homestead near Pamilia 4 Corners, N. Y. She was the twelfth child to acquire an education at the Cole School in that district.

She married, March 16, 1831, George Fox, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Fox. They located between Watertown and Pamilia Village.

Late in January Mrs. Fox rode her saddle-horse to the Pamilia Village store. On the return journey she was caught in a rain and sleet storm. This resulted in a severe cold which developed into pulmonary tuberculosis, causing her death March 10, 1834.

I have heard the following from my grandmother, and it has been verified by a sister of Betsy:

"Mrs. Fox was alone in her room when a figure appeared to rise out of a mist, took shape and moved through the cloud. It approached near her. She saw herself in the mist; the face was hers and looked as though life had departed. The cloud appeared to dissolve slowly and vanished."

Grandmother believed this to be a forewarning of her sister's death: she passed away two days later.

The following record was written by Sylvester Cole, brother of Betsy, August 21, 1850, at the request of her husband, George Fox:

"Betsy Fox died Monday, March 10, and was buried the 12th, 1834. The words spoken at the funeral are recorded in 2 Corinthians, chapter 5, verse 4; the hymns sang:

1. 'And let this feeble body fail'
2. Why should we start and fear to die?
3. Why do we mourn for dying friends?
4. And must this body die? (Sung at the grave.)'

The deceased was twenty years, four months and twenty-nine days old."

(Memorandum kept by George Fox's companion.)

Children:

1. Sylvester John 2. Charles G.

1. Sylvester John (George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born December 3, 1831, near Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. After the death of his mother, which occurred when he was three years old, he was cared for until his sixth year by his father's parents.

In 1836 father and son went to Canada to visit the brother of Sylvester. In 1837 George Fox married the sister of his deceased wife and they located in Oxford County, Ontario. Here Sylvester obtained

the elementary part of his education. He acquired the higher branches under the tutelage of his father, who had been a teacher in New York. He was sixteen when he came with his parents to Wisconsin Territory.

In 1856 he married Julia White, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Siver) White, born in 1831. Mr. Fox engaged in various occupations until 1859 and then located at Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, conducting a general merchandise store. In 1867 he moved to Rock Elm, Pierce County and entered the same line of business, combined with real estate.

He became interested in breeding purebred stock and had practically proved that pure bred stock was a paying investment. The pride of the farm was a dapple grey, purchased in 1894 from the famous Oak Lawn Farm near Chicago, Illinois (the only one in the United States visited by the International Congress).

In 1897 he disposed of the business at Rock Elm and settled at Spring Valley, Pierce County, Wisconsin. They lived there until 1902 and then made their home with a daughter, Mrs. Chester Keyser, at St. Paul, Minnesota. In the fall of 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Fox returned to Spring Valley, and were living there when Mr. Fox passed away September 29, 1915, at the age of eighty-three years, nine months and twenty-six days.

Masonic services were conducted at his home, followed with a prayer by Rev. Holbrook, of the Congregational Church of Spring Valley. A second service was held at the Methodist Rock Elm Church by Rev. Holbrook. The Masons officiated at the burial in Rock Elm Cemetery.

Mr. Fox was a man of high standing in the community in which he lived and gained a reputation for unimpeachable integrity.

On September 5, 1908, he went to St. Paul to attend the State Fair. It seems that he expected friends to meet him at the station. There was some misunderstanding as to the time of his arrival and he may have thought that by taking a train which would bring him nearer his destination, he would save time. It is probable that he was confused and boarded a Milwaukee train, and not until the train was in motion did he realize his mistake. Mr. Fox at no time thereafter was able to recall anything that would account for his being found beside the track unconscious and bleeding from two large gashes on his head. The yard crew found him just a few minutes before a passenger train came through on that track. He was taken to the City Hospital and given immediate attention by the doctors and nurses.

A railroad pass, money, notes, and a watch which he had in his pocket, showed that he was not stealing his transportation. His family were notified and stayed with him until he left the hospital six weeks later. It was some time before he regained his mental faculties, and he never entirely got over being confused and forgetful. He survived his injuries seven years.

Mrs. Fox was a lovable woman and held in the highest esteem by her family. She died in 1922 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Wm. Condit, of Spring Valley, Wisconsin. She had passed her eighty-second year. Services were held at the Rock Elm Methodist Church, the Rev. Blish officiating. A large concourse of friends paid tribute to their friend and neighbor for forty-four years. She is buried beside her husband, who had preceded her seven years.

Children:

1. Estella A.
2. Ida May
3. Mary } twins
4. Mattie }
5. Charles Edward
6. George Sylvester
7. Elsie Adelia

1. Estella A. (Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, in 1858; married Simon Van Nortwich at Rock Elm, December 24, 1877. Her early death, August 20, 1883, at the age of twenty-four brought sorrow and regret to her family and friends. She is buried in Poplar Hill Cemetery. Without issue.

2. Ida May was born at Iron Ridge, August 18, 1860. Prior to her marriage she was a helpful assistant in her father's general merchandise store at Rock Elm. On February 15, 1880, she married Alphonse J. Abair, son of Peter and Mary Cluffa Rogean Abair. His birthplace was Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Since 1899 they have lived at Denver, Colorado. Mr. Abair is connected with an electric streetcar line.

Children:

1. Etta May
2. Vida Estalla

1. Etta May (Alphonse[8], Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Rock Elm, Wis., July 31, 1881; married, August 24, 1921, Daniel M. McLaughlin, who was born July 19, 1880, at Detroit, Michigan, son of John and Sirena (Hacher) McLaughlin. He is a lawyer of eminent standing in his profession.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. McLaughlin was a teacher of art in the Detroit public schools. Having a natural talent for that work, she won well-merited success. Since her marriage she is devoted to the care of family and home.

Child:

1. Daniel Bernarr (Daniel[9], Alphonse[8], Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Detroit, Mich., June 19, 1922.

2. Vida Estella, place of birth, East Ellsworth, Pierce County, Wisconsin; date, October 11, 1887. She married, April 7, 1912, Edward Robert Mulvihill, born near Salida, Colo., July 25, 1887, son of Jerimiah and Mary (Dove) Mulvihill. He con-

ducts a general merchandise and has made it a prosperous line of business.

Children:

1. Edward Robert (Edward[9], Alphonse[8], Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born May 20, 1917, at Boulder, Colo.

2. Eileen Martie, born at Grand Junction, Colo., September 23, 1920.

3. Mary, the first-born of the twin daughters, and 4. Mattie, were born at Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, August 14, 1864.

In 1867 they moved to Rock Elm, Pierce County, Wisconsin, receiving their education in the schools of that city.

On April 26, 1888 Mary married William C. Condit, born in Rubicon, Dodge County, Wisconsin, February 11, 1862. Mary loved music, and from early girlhood showed much talent as a vocalist and musician. When only fifteen she sang in the Rock Elm Church choir, and also played the organ. In 1892 Mrs. Condit organized and taught a class in voice culture.

In 1922 they moved to Spring Valley and united with the Spring Valley Congregational Church. Mrs. Condit has sung in the choir for the past seven years, frequently singing the alto solos. When the first soprano was called, she led the choir, in addition to being the organist. Combining the Rock Elm and Spring Valley services, she has seldom been absent in twenty years. Mrs. Condit's voice is as clear and pleasing as in the early days of her career.

She is a delightful hostess, and has fulfilled her duties in life with grace and wisdom.

BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM C. CONDIT

William C. Condit, born in the Village of Rubicon, Wisconsin, February 11, 1862, was the son of Elias and Caroline (Farmer) Condit. In 1867 his parents moved to Rock Elm, settling among the pioneers in that section of the state. In early childhood he attended the common school in the vicinity of his home. In 1884 he became associated with his father in the general merchandise store at Rock Elm. He succeeded his father in 1907 and carried on the business until January, 1922, when he sold and moved to Spring Valley, retiring from active business.

Mr. Condit represented his town for six years on the county board, and also served in most of the town offices. In 1884 he was appointed postmaster of Rock Elm. After two years he was superseded by President Cleveland's administration. He was again appointed in 1904 and served until July, 1923, at which time he resigned. Governor Phillips later appointed him to serve on the War Board

of Pierce County and he held the position until honorably discharged.

Mr. Condit has known all of the experiences of pioneer days. Coming to Rock Elm, at that time an undeveloped part of the state with finances at a low ebb, he has lived to see it grow into a well settled, prosperous community. He is enjoying the fruits of its growth and prosperity and justly deserves the popular esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens. Of a studious nature, he keeps well abreast of the times. Mr. Condit has been a Royal Arch Mason for many years.

Child:

1. Ralph G. (William[8], Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born March 27, 1889, at Rock Elm, Wisconsin, where he spent his childhood and obtained his elementary education. He is a graduate of the Spring Valley High School, and attended the University of Wisconsin two years and the University of Minnesota one year.

After leaving school, he entered the Spring Valley Bank as cashier and is still in their employ. He is a Royal Arch Mason.

On June 16, 1915 he married Fern Springer, born April 9, 1889, at Sanford, Illinois, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Resinor) Springer. Mrs. Condit is a musician of unusual talent. Prior to her marriage she held an established position as a pianist of ability, and was engaged in teaching music.

Child:

1. Gordon Ralph (Ralph[9], William[8], Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born February 22 1918, at Sanford, Illinois.

4. Mattie (twin sister of Mary) married, December 25, 1893, Chester Charles Keyser, son of Edward C. and Phebbe Keyser, Rock Elm. On December 2, 1892 he entered the service of the Menomonie branch of the Omaha Railway as freight brakeman under conductor O. G. Fox. He remained on that branch until 1894 and was then transferred to the main line between St. Paul and Altoona.

The Keysers lived at Menomonie, Wisconsin, one year before his transfer to St. Paul. On July 17, 1898 he was promoted to conductor. They moved to Spring Valley, February 21, 1906. Mr. Keyser served with the same railroad as passenger conductor until August 1, 1921.

Owing to failing health, he asked for a month's leave of absence. His doctor was unable to diagnose his ailment and advised sending him to a hospital. He entered a St. Paul hospital on September 5, underwent an operation on the 8th, and passed away the 9th from an incurable cancer.

The funeral was held at the residence in Spring Valley, August 11, the Masons having charge of the services. Burial took place at Poplar Hill Cemetery, Rock Elm, Wisconsin.

No man in that section was better known than Chet Keyser. His courteous, gentlemanly bearing and thoughtful care for the welfare of his passengers endeared him to the traveling public. He had been employed by the Omaha Railway more than thirty years.

Mrs. Keyser has always lived an unobtrusive, yet most useful life. No one in the community has a wider circle of friends and acquaintances. She is a woman of the greatest kindness of heart and is loved and appreciated by her family. Church: Methodist.

Children:

1. Ruth Juliette (Chester[8], Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born April 20, 1897, at St. Paul, Minnesota. Ruth was nine when her family settled in Spring Valley, Wisconsin. She was graduated from the high school in 1915.

On January 30, 1917 she married Helmer Melvin Waller, born May 25, 1892, son of Gilbert and Ingeborg (Forgerson) Waller. They were natives of Norway. Mr. Waller is a graduate of the 1915 Class, Spring Valley. He is cashier in the Farmers State Bank at Spring Valley. Church: Lutheran.

Children:

1. Lucile Margaret (Helmer[9], Chester[8], Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1])was born at Spring Valley, Wisconsin, September 12, 1918.

2. Renee Jeanne was born December 13, 1927, at Spring Valley.

2. Clark Eugene, son of Chester and Mattie Keyser, born August 1, 1904, at St. Paul, was two years old when he came to Spring Valley. He is a graduate of the Spring Valley High School.

Clark enlisted January 3, 1924, at St. Paul, and was sworn in January 18, 1924, at Marine Barracks, Parris Island, South Carolina. He became ill March 15 and was taken to the hospital. After three months' treatment, he was discharged September 19, 1924 for disability. Eminent physicians have been unable to diagnose his case and have come to believe it incurable.

5. Charles Edward, born at Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, in 1865, was two years old when he came to Rock Elm. Here he acquired his education and lived until early manhood. He married Amelia Betterly, daughter of Alfred and Fannie (Taylor) Betterly. In 1900 he bought a ranch in Texas and lived there seven years. The property was sold in 1926 and he returned to Wisconsin. His present place of residence is Spring Valley. Without issue.

6. George Sylvester was born at Rock Elm in 1873; married Nellie Cunningham (born 1877), daughter of Patrick and Mary

(Murphy) Cunningham. Mr. Fox has been a traveling salesman for Cowden's Work Suit Company, of Kansas City, Kansas. He is a resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. Ralph Edward (George[8], Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in 1900; married Violet Clark, daughter of Delbert and Alice (Reisser) Clark.

Children:

1. June (Ralph[9], George[8], Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in 1923.

2. Shirley Odell was born in 1923 at Spring Valley, Wisconsin.

2. Harry Richard, born in 1903, is a graduate of Spring Valley High School. He has lived in Milwaukee since 1924, and is attending Marquette School of Dentistry.

7. Elsie Adelia, youngest child of Sylvester and Julia Fox, was born in 1877 at Rock Elm, Wisconsin; married William Collett, October 11, 1897. She was called December 6, 1905, and is buried in Poplar Hill Cemetery.

Child:

1. George William (William[8], Sylvester[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born in 1898, in Pierce County, Wisconsin; married Alfield C. Redison, daughter of Peter and Senerena (Aquatte) Redison, who were natives of Norway.

Children:

1. Lloyd Wayne, born in 1919.
2. Loraine Doris, born in 1921, Pierce County, Wisconsin.

2. Charles Fox, second son of George and Betsy Cole Fox, was born December 13, 1833, near Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. His mother died when he was three months and twenty-eight days old. He was taken to the home of his maternal grandparents at Norwich, London, District, Upper Canada. When Charles was six years old, his father came to Canada and married Polly Cole, the sister of his deceased wife. Thereafter Charles lived with his parents in Oxford County, Ontario. He attended the district school until his thirteenth year and then moved to Wisconsin with his parents in 1848.

On July 3, 1856 he married Mary Niver at Mayville, Wisconsin. She was born in 1837 near Hudson, New York, and was the daughter of John and Sarah (Cameron) Niver. Her father was born in 1808 and her mother in 1809.

Mr. Fox was seriously injured August 22, 1857, when the building which he was about to leave was wrecked by a cyclone that struck the city at six o'clock in the evening. For a long time he was unable to engage in business of any kind.

Eventually he located near Mayville on a farm. In 1863 or 1864

he moved to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. In 1870 the family lived in Mason City, Iowa, and seven years later they settled in Mitchell, South Dakota. From 1880 to 1887 they were residents of Breckenridge, Minnesota.

In his early days Mr. Fox was considered a violinist of marked ability, and for a time taught violin.

He died October 27, 1921, at Breckenridge and was buried at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, having passed by twenty years the allotted time of man—four score and ten years.

Mrs. Fox is a remarkable woman. She is the mother of seven children, all of whom are living. The writer of this record had the pleasure of visiting a day and night with her at the home of a daughter in 1925. It was amazing to find her so quick and active at the age of ninety and she had also retained her mental faculties to a remarkable degree. For the past two or more years Mrs. Fox has resided with her daughter, Mrs. Yarrow, at Los Angeles, California. She recently fell and broke an arm in two places, but in spite of her months of confinement in bed, she is cheerful and uncomplaining.

Children:

1. George Watson
2. John Norman
3. Bertha Iola
4. Robert Almerion
5. Rose May
6. Charlotte
7. Ella Almeda

1. George W. (Charles[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born October 23, 1857, near Mayville, Wisconsin; married Libbie Cummings at Mason City, Iowa, on October 24, 1878. Mr. Fox is a photographer and is noted for his exceptionally fine work. His present place of residence and business is Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Child:

1. Ray (George[8], Charles[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Breckenridge, Minnesota, February 23, 1882. He is unmarried and resides with his parents.

2. John Norman was born July 16, 1860 near Mayville, Wisconsin, and lived there until 1863, when his parents moved to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. They next lived at Mason City, Iowa, where he attended the city schools. It was through self-help that he acquired the education which, from force of circumstances, he had been deprived of in early life. Like many of the self-made men of the West, Mr. Fox gathered from observation and association a training which has been of more practical avail than any academic education could have conferred.

His energy, perseverance and determination have been impelling factors in promoting and operating an extensive banking business at Kenmare, North Dakota. He has attained the reputation of being loyal to principle and is highly esteemed as a worthy citizen.

On June 3, 1895 Mr. Fox married Mildred Henderson, of Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Fox was deeply interested in good work in the community and was a liberal contributor to all deserving purposes. She was a woman of rare strength of character and had gathered in her circle many warm friends. Mrs. Fox died at Kenmare, November 2, 1914.

Children:

1. Harriet Marie (John[8], Charles[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Breckenridge, Minnesota, July 19, 1897. She is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. She married James Sinclair, Jr., in 1925. They are residents of Kenmare, North Dakota.

2. Helen Almedia, born at Breckenridge, Minnesota. December 21, 1899, was graduated from the same university as her sister did, and is a member of the same sorority. In December, 1925, she married Harold Serumgard. They reside at Devil's Lake, North Dakota.

Mr. Fox married Signa Hucklebury on June 18, 1924, at Kenmare, North Dakota.

Children:

1. Shirley Jean } twins
2. Mary Ruth }

They were born June 5, 1925, and Mary died soon after birth.

3. Bertha Iola, born October 16, 1864, near Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, was seven years old when her parents moved to Mason City, Iowa. She attended the public schools there and obtained an excellent practical education.

On March 29, 1887 she married Joseph Paulin at Mason City. They located soon thereafter at Marshalltown, Iowa, and the following year they moved to Running Water, South Dakota. Four of their children were born at Running Water, and Mr. Paulin died there July 17, 1919. He was survived by his widow, four sons and two daughters.

Mr. Paulin was a highly respected citizen and is kindly remembered by a host of friends. Mrs. Paulin's life has been devoted to her home; she counts her duties to her family first and highest.

Children:

1. Guy V.	3. Robert C.	5. Florence E.
2. Letha L.	4. Charles L.	6. Eugene P.

1. Guy (Joseph[8], Charles[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Marshalltown, Iowa, February 14, 1888; married, June 16, 1914, Mildred Camfield, of Breckenridge, Minnesota.

2. Letha was born October 28, 1889, at Running Water,

South Dakota; married, September 20, 1908, at Wagner, South Dakota, Roger Markensodt.

Child:

1. Von Robert C. (Roger[9], Joseph[8], Charles[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born December 21, 1909, at Greenwood, South Dakota.

3. Robert C. was born at Mitchell, South Dakota, July 17, 1891; married, June 30, 1917, Mattie Armbrect, of Delmont, South Dakota.

Children:

1. Loraine R. (Robert[8], Joseph[8], Charles[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born May 8, 1918, at Mitchell, South Dakota.

2. Maxine P. was born February 9, 1921, at Mitchell, South Dakota.

4. Charles L., son of Joseph and Bertha Paulin, was born January 27, 1896, at Mitchell, South Dakota. On June 7, 1920 he married Margaret Shuette at Mitchell, South Dakota.

5. Florence E. was born August 15, 1899, at Mitchell, South Dakota.

6. Eugene was born February 7, 1906, at Mitchell, South Dakota.

4. Robert A. was born near Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, May 15, 1867. He was three when his family went to Mason City, in 1870, and ten when they moved to Mitchell, South Dakota. I do not know where or when he attended school, but judging from his subsequent history, he has acquired a range and variety of knowledge that has been of more practical value to him in his work than years in college.

Mr. Fox married Lena Smith at Breckenridge, June 8, 1895. In 1896 he invested in Minnesota lands and established a progressive town (Foxhome). It was named in honor of Mr. R. A. Fox, who had made possible a thriving town in that section of the state.

He moved to Ardmore, Oklahoma, in 1906, where he is engaged in real estate and oil business.

Mr. Fox is very much interested in the welfare of the community in which he lives and is active in its development.

Mrs. Fox died July 13, 1899, at Breckenridge, Minnesota, and is buried there.

Child:

1. Kenneth L. (Robert[8], Charles[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born July 6, 1899, at Breckenridge, Minnesota. Kenneth's educational advantages have been exceptional. He attended Ardmore public school from 1907 to 1914; Kemper Military Academy, Boonville, Missouri, from 1914 to 1917; Milwaukee Electrical Engineering School from 1917

to 1918; Lake Forest (Illinois) Academy, 1919-1920, and the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 1920-1921.

He left the Milwaukee school June 3, 1918, two months before completing his first year, to enlist in the U. S. Marines. He trained at Parris Island, South Carolina. Instead of being sent across, the battalion was ordered to the West Indies to quell an uprising of bandits at Haiti and Santo Domingo. Four months later, he and others of the battalion were transferred to San Juan, Porto Rico, to act as special guards for the radio station. The next year he was returned to Santo Domingo City. He received honorable discharge at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in September, 1919.

In September, 1921, he returned to Porto Rico to work for the Porto Rico Telephone Company, a branch of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company. He is still with them, acting as assistant engineer.

He married Amparo Cebollero, of Mayaguez, Porto Rico, May 24, 1924. She was the daughter of Francisco and Quintina Sanchez, natives of Spain. The family of Mr. Sanchez are natives of Barcelona, Spain. Mrs. Fox lived in New York nine years prior to her marriage, and had acquired the greater part of her education in that state.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox are members of the Presbyterian Church. Their son was baptized at the First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore, Oklahoma, during a visit to Mr. Fox's boyhood home.

He is a member of the Indian Consistory No. 2, of McAlester, Oklahoma, and Lodge No. 31, of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Child:

1. Kalmar Fontain Fox (Kenneth[8], Robert[7], Charles[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born February 17, 1925, at Porto Rico Sanatorium, Santurce.

Robert A. Fox was married, secondly, to Gertrude I. Swezey, on June 22, 1904, at Vermillen, South Dakota.

Children:

1. Robert was born January 31, 1906, at Vermillen, South Dakota.
2. Rosalind, was born February 5, 1908, at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

5. Rose May was born in Mason City, Iowa, May 8, 1872. Her family moved to Mitchell, South Dakota, in 1879 or 1880. She acquired the elementary part of her education at Mason City, and graduated from the Mitchell High School.

She married John Yarrow, of Mitchell, February 3, 1893. They were living at Breckenridge, Minnesota, when Mr. Yarrow died December 7, 1920. Mrs. Yarrow has been a resident of Los Angeles since 1922-23.

Child:

1. Ralph (John[8], Charles[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born May 12, 1897, at Breckenridge, Minnesota. Ralph served in the 73rd Artillery in the World War.

6. Charlotte M. was born in Mason City, Iowa, March 17, 1874. She attended school in Mason City and graduated from the Mitchell, South Dakota, High School. On October 6, 1895, she married Eugene B. Frank, son of Henry J. and Julia (Lavett) Frank.

The family is associated with the First Congregational Church of Sioux Falls, Iowa, their present place of residence (1928).

Children:

1. Madge Lavon (Eugene[8], Charles[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Akron, Iowa, in 1903; died the same year, and was buried in Akron.

2. Kathleen was born April 19, 1905, at Akron, Iowa. She is attending Carlton College at Northfield, Minnesota.

3. Eugenia Rose, born at Akron, December 9, 1908, is attending Cedar Falls College, Iowa.

7. Ella Almedia, youngest of the family of Charles and Mary Fox, was born at Mason City, Iowa, June 16, 1878. She moved to Mitchell, South Dakota, in April, 1887, and to Breckenridge, Minnesota, in March, 1897.

She married Charles G. Howland at Breckenridge in 1900. He was born in Fayette County, Iowa, March 25, 1859.

Child:

1. James Irvine (Charles[8], Charles[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Breckenridge, July 24, 1902. He was four when the Howland family removed to Ardmore, Oklahoma. He lived there until 1920 and then accompanied his parents to Los Angeles, California.

James graduated from Kemper Military School at Booneville, Missouri, June 20, 1920; he is also a graduate of the University of Southern California, Class of 1924. He took a two-year law course there.

XIII. Jarius Rich was born Sunday, July 23, 1815, at the Cole homestead near Pamilia 4 Corners, New York. He was educated at the Cole District School, and taught in the rural district of Jefferson County, New York, from 1832 to 1837, when he joined his parents in Canada and engaged in educational work at Woodstock, Oxford Township, Ontario.

In 1839 he married Ann Hickey, born in Canada of Irish parentage. In 1847 he and his family emigrated to Wisconsin and commenced farming in Hubbard Township, Dodge County. He sold his fine farm in 1868 and moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where they lived for a year and then moved to New South Sharon, Iowa.

Mrs. Cole died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Rose Kalbach, of Sharon, January 26, 1886. Mr. Cole died in 1895 at Oskaloosa, Iowa, at the age of eighty-one. They were buried at New South Sharon, Iowa.

Children:

1. Edward H.
2. Charles
3. Chester
4. Charlotte
5. William
6. Benjamin
7. Rose Ann
8. Sarah Jane
9. Catherine M.
10. Jarius Fremont
11. Judson C.

1. Edward (Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born at Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, February 26, 1840. Edward attended the Cole School in the Cole Settlement until his twelfth year.

August 11, 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil War in Company I, 29th Infantry, Wisconsin Volunteers. He died March 8, 1863 in the Memphis, Tennessee, Soldiers Hospital, at the age of twenty-three, and was buried in the adjoining Soldiers Cemetery. Unmarried.

2. Charles, a native of Woodstock, Canada, was born February 1, 1842. He came to Wisconsin with his parents at the age of five years, and his boyhood and early manhood were lived on his father's homestead, one mile from the village of Woodland. He obtained his education at the Cole District School.

In 1860 he entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. He was conductor on the first passenger train that came into Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in 1867. Later he served with the Iowa Central and was conductor on the first passenger train to enter Marshalltown, Iowa, where he established his home. Mr. Cole served continuously for twenty-five years and was deservedly popular with the traveling public.

In 1865 he married Frances Pierce—a devoted wife and mother, much respected and loved by family and friends.

Mr. Cole died January 29, 1913, and his wife died May 28, 1916, at Moulton, Iowa. They are buried at New South Sharon, Iowa.

Children:

1. Edward
2. Samuel Jarius
3. Francis Emerson
4. Charles Walter
5. Charlotte Louise

1. Edward (Charles[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born March 3, 1867, at Moulton, Iowa; married Lida Hardy, of Carroll, Iowa, February 19, 1890.

Children:

1. Helen (Edward[8], Charles[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born January 9, 1891, at Marshalltown, Iowa; married Alexander J. Richman, September 6, 1911. Mrs. Richman is a woman of much ability and is very much interested in Mr. Richman's work as editor of the Platt, South Dakota, daily paper.

Children:

1. Helen (Alexander[9], Edward[8], Charles[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born January 8, 1916 at Madison, South Dakota.
2. Edward Alexander, born July 2, 1918 at Platt, South Dakota.

2. Hazel Frances, second child of Edward Cole, born March 12, 1893, at Marshalltown, Iowa; married Cuttler Abbott May 26, 1914. He died September 17, 1918. Mrs. Abbott married A. W. Taylor, February 5, 1925, at Los Angeles, California, where they reside (1927).

Child:

1. Louis Cole Abbott (Cuttler[9], Edward[8], Charles[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Marshalltown, Iowa, February 13, 1918.

2. Samuel Jarius, born January 4, 1869; married Lillian Burnett, October 23, 1892. They reside at Moulton, Iowa.

Children:

1. Clara Louise
2. Lois Ann
3. Charles Courtland
4. Samuel Burnett

1. Clara Louise (Samuel[8], Charles[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born June 6, 1896 at Moulton, Iowa; married Dale Russell, September 20, 1917. February 24, 1918 he enlisted at Centerville, Iowa for service in the World War. He was in service at Mt. Kemmel Sector, July 15, 1918, and with the Hindenburg Offensive from July 15 to September 7, 1918. He returned to the United States, April 11, 1919 and received honorable discharge. The Russells live at Keokuk, Iowa. Occupation, traveling salesman.

Children:

1. Helen Dale (Dale[9], Samuel[8], Charles[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born September 6, 1918, at Moulton, Iowa, while her father was in France.

2. Robert, born September 11, 1921, at Moulton.

3. Lois Jean, born February 20, 1927, at Keokuk.

2. Lois Ann, daughter of Samuel Cole, born May 28, 1899, at Superior, Wisconsin; married John F. Powell, D.D.S., January 6, 1919. He was born November 11, 1899, the son of John Bradford and Martha (Parsons) Powell. Dr. Powell studied at the Western Dental College, Kansas City, and Dentist Congregational, Council Grove, Kansas. He is a member of Delta Sigma Delta, a dental fraternity, and the Royal Arch Masons. Dr. Power enjoys a lucrative practice in Council Grove and is one of the most popular dentists in that city.

Mrs. Powell's genial and cordial nature has won many friends in the short time that she has resided in Council Grove. She is a member of O. E. S. and P. E. O.

Child:

1. John Cole (John[9], Samuel[8], Charles[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born February 10, 1921, at Moulton, Iowa.

3. Charles Courtland, son of Samuel Cole, born January 9, 1908, at Moulton, Iowa. Charles was graduated from the Council Grove High School in 1925-26, and entered the service of an Iowa railroad line in 1927.

4. Samuel Burnett, born February 7, 1910, at Moulton, Iowa. He was graduated in June, 1927, from the Moulton High School, and the following September he entered Drake University, at Des Moines, Iowa.

3. Francis Emerson, third son of Charles Cole, born September 28, 1873, at Marshalltown, Iowa; married Martha Nicholds.

Child:

1. Frances Mae (Francis[8], Charles[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born July 17, 1907 at Oskaloosa, Iowa. After graduation from Monmouth High School, she entered Monmouth College, Illinois, and studied two years before entering Urbana College, in Illinois, from which she will graduate.

4. Charles Walter, son of Charles Cole, born March 8, 1876; died October 21, 1896, buried at New South Sharon, Iowa. Unmarried.

5. Charlotte Louise, born April 10, 1877, at Marshalltown, Iowa; February 18, 1903 married Floyd M. Johnson, of Richland, Iowa. Mr. Johnson owns and operates a farm near Richland, Iowa, a branch of industry in which he has prospered so that he is rated one of the best agriculturists in the county.

Mrs. Johnson has many friends and is greatly interested in the

good work of the community. She is a member of the Eastern Star, having served as worthy matron from 1915 to 1916. She is also an active member of the church and Sunday School.

Child:

1. John Cole (Floyd[8], Charles[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born July 13, 1921; died a few hours later.

2. Julia, daughter of Floyd Johnson, and mothered by Mrs. Johnson from the age of seven as though she were her own child.

Julia was born April 29, 1896 at Richland, Iowa; married Roy C. Lind, December 31, 1921. Mr. Lind enlisted April 9, 1917 for service in the World War and sailed for France, November 18, 1917. He fought on the Lorraine front, St. Mihiel offense, Chateau Thierry, Meuse, Argonne, and was with the Army of Occupation four months. He left Germany, April 8, 1919 and was discharged at Camp Dodge, May 19, 1919.

The family reside at Harcourt, Iowa, where their daughter, Lois Marie, was born June 18, 1925.

3. Chester, son of Jarius and Ann Cole, was born September 9, 1843, at Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, and came to Wisconsin with his parents when he was three years of age. He attended the Cole School in the Cole Settlement.

Chester enlisted in Herman Township for service in the Civil War, June 22, 1865, in Company I, 29th Wisconsin Infantry; he was mustered out in 1866. He was employed as a freight brakeman by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, later being promoted to conductor. He also worked for the Iowa Central Railway.

Mr. Cole married Frank Johnson in May, 1895. He was called February 21, 1896 and was buried at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Child:

1. Nellie (Chester[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), married Harvey Carr. They had a daughter, Nellie, who married J. Krebs, and their children were Frances and Joseph.

The descendants of Chester Cole have not been heard from for many years and therefore it has been impossible to ascertain whether he has any living descendants.

4. Charlotte, born at Woodstock, Canada, July 5, 1845, was two years old when her family moved to Wisconsin. Her early education at the Cole School was supplemented by a two year course at Horicon High School. July 9, 1867, at the home of her parents, she married Thomas Stacks. Mr. and Mrs. Stacks operated a hotel at New Sharon, Iowa, where they lived until the death of Mr. Stacks.

She then made her home with a sister, Mrs. Kalbach, at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Mrs. Stacks, Mrs. Kalbach, and a brother William, lived together with their father until Mr. Cole's death in 1895, when they moved to Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Stacks died in 1902 and her remains were brought to New South Sharon and buried beside her husband and a son Charles.

The only obtainable record we have of Jack, son of Thomas and Charlotte Stacks, is meager—place of birth, New Sharon, Iowa; place of residence ten years ago, Chicago, Illinois.

5. William Sylvester was born at the Cole homestead, near Woodland, Wisconsin, April 28, 1847. He entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad in early manhood, and also served with the Iowa Central. He died January 15, 1899, at Chicago and was buried there. Unmarried.

6. Benjamin was born February 12, 1849 and reared on his father's farm near Woodland, Wisconsin. Benjamin was the sixth of the family to attend the Cole School in the Cole Settlement.

In 1864 he enlisted in Captain Carlton Briggs' Company (of Briggsville, Wisconsin) as corporal in Company F, 44th Wisconsin Infantry, for service in the Civil War. He was mustered out as 1st Sergeant, August 28, 1865 at Woodland, receiving honorable discharge.

In the spring of 1866 he entered the service of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, and later was passenger conductor on the second passenger train that entered Marshalltown, Iowa, running opposite his brother Charles.

Benjamin married Maggie Murphy, July 14, 1878, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Cole died at St. Paul in 1902 and was interred in the St. Paul Cemetery. Without issue.

7. Rose Ann, born on the homestead near Woodland, Wisconsin, July 5, 1851, attended the Cole School from 1856 to 1866, when she moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; her next place of residence was New Sharon, Iowa. December 19, 1872, she married Taylor Kalbach, who died December 25, 1880, and was buried at New South Sharon, Iowa. Mrs. Kalbach moved to Chicago, Illinois from Oskaloosa in 1896-98 with a sister and brother. She died in 1909 and was buried beside her husband.

Child:

1. Taylora (Taylor^{7}, Jarius^{6}, Benjamin^{5}, Benjamin^{4}, Sylvester^{3}, John^{2}, John^{1}), born at New Sharon, Iowa, April 21, 1881, four months after the death of her father. She married John Paul Jones (born January 23, 1877) at Chicago, Illinois in June, 1907. They lived in Toledo, Ohio, until 1911, when they moved to Portland, Oregon. Church, Christian Science.

Children:

1. John Paul, Jr. (John^{8}, Taylor^{7}, Jarius^{6}, Benjamin^{5}, Benjamin^{4}, Sylvester^{3}, John^{2}, John^{1}), born August 19, 1908, at Toledo, Ohio.

2. William Kalbach, born December 31, 1911, at Portland, Oregon.

3. Betty Louise, born October 20, 1915, at Portland, Oregon.

8. Sarah Jane was born near Woodland, Wisconsin, September 1, 1853. Sarah's education began at an early age at the Cole School in Herman Township. In 1867 she moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, with her parents, and in 1868 they went to New Sharon, Iowa, where she married Newton Hinton, May 6, 1874. Mr. Hinton was born November 14, 1849 at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

They resided in Toma City from 1875 to 1876-77, and then located at Albany, Oregon; next place of residence, Portland, Oregon, where Mr. Hinton died in 1903, survived by his wife, two daughters, and two grandchildren. The writer met Mrs. Hinton in Portland in 1912 and found her but little changed in character, still retaining the sweet and gentle nature of her childhood days.

Children:

1. Irma (Newton[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born in 1875 at Toma City, Iowa; died at Albany, Oregon, in 1880.

2. Loma Ann, born at Albany, Oregon, May 6, 1879; married Robert Hunt Ashly, August 4, 1901, at Portland, Oregon. They have five children.

Children:

1. Charlotte (Robert[8], Newton[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born May 21, 1902; unmarried.
2. Tempie Helen, born June 1, 1903; unmarried.
3. Jane, born December 12, 1906; unmarried.
4. Robert Hunt, Jr., born March 2, 1912.
5. Gerald Bagnall, born February 27, 1925.

3. Vesta, child of Sarah and Newton Hinton, born at Albany, Oregon, March 4, 1882; married Gerald Bagnall, November 4, 1904. He died at Sioux City, Iowa, in 1919.

9. Catherine Marie, born August 15, 1855; died the 27th and buried the 28th in Cole Cemetery.

10. Jarius Fremont, born on the Cole homestead August 23, acquired his education at the Cole School. He followed railroad work from early youth until forced to retire because of high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries.

Jarius married Ann Jane Miller, (born February 26, 1858) at Prairie du Chein, Wisconsin. She was a native of Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Mr. Cole died November 13, 1923, at Benton Harbor, Michigan, and was buried in Crystal Springs Cemetery, Benton Harbor.

Children:

1. Edna Ann (Fremont[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born December 5, 1888, at Calmar, Iowa; unmarried.

2. Ida Mary, born July 17, 1890, at Mason City, Iowa: married Walter LaRoy Hatheway at Chicago, October 16, 1912.

Children:

1. George LeRoy (Walter[8], Fremont[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born May 21, 1915, at Chicago, Illinois.

2. William Wesley, born June 6, 1920, at Benton Harbor, Michigan.

3. Clara Jane, born September 16, 1922, at Benton Harbor, Michigan.

11. Judson C., the youngest of Jarius and Ann Cole's family, was born September 16, 1858, on the Cole homestead near Woodland, Wisconsin, and educated at the Cole School in the Cole Settlement. He married Ida Barr.

Children:

1. Clyde (Judson[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), died in 1900.

2. Sarah, born in 1880; died in infancy.

3. Warren was killed in a railroad accident in 1918.

4. Rose married Roy Miller; they are living at Barronette, Minnesota (1927).

5. Judson C., Jr., married Rose Gehan, of St. Paul, Minnesota. He is a reporter for a fire insurance patrol company. Residence; St. Paul, Minnesota.

Children:

1. Rose 2. Jack 3. Mary Jane

6. Helen, the youngest of Judson's children, married Ray Felmlee.

Child:

1. Raymond (Ray[8], Judson[7], Jarius[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]).

XIV. John Cole, tenth son and fourteenth child of Benjamin and Charlotte Cole, was born Sunday, March 25, 1817, at the Cole homestead near Pamilia 4 Corners, New York. His education began at the age of four at the district school, he being the thirteenth of the family to acquire an education at this school. In an incredibly short time he surpassed the schoolmaster in every branch of the work that he was capable of teaching.

John taught his first school at the age of fifteen. In 1834 he moved to Canada with his parents. He rarely remained at the home of his parents. His desire to wander at random became irrepressible; he would leave and remain away for months, often living in the heart of the wilderness in New York, Canada and Wisconsin, many miles from human habitation. But little is known of his wanderings; it is conjectured that he lived at intervals among educated French people because he could speak and write the language, and he could also read Greek and Latin fairly well.

In 1855 he came to the home of his parents in Wisconsin. His father had died in 1852 and his mother in 1854. He was thirty-seven at that time and had been mildly insane from his nineteenth year. He occupied the rooms of his parents and was cared for by Charlotte, his sister, and her husband, Adam Keyser, who lived in the adjoining apartment. He moved with them in 1864 to Rock Elm, Wisconsin, where he died in his fifty-sixth year and was buried in Rock Elm Cemetery. John was a man of fine appearance. While living with the Keysers at their homestead, he would pace the floor from five in the morning until nine o'clock at night, except when at the table for his meals.

The family, when moving in October, 1864, stayed a night and a day with their daughter. At that time seven brothers were together whose combined ages numbered three hundred and ninety-two years; two who were unable to be present numbered one hundred and twenty-six years—a total of five hundred and twenty-seven years. Such instances of longevity are rare.

XV. Polly (Cole) Fox was born near Pamilia 4 Corners, Jefferson County, New York, Tuesday, November 25, 1819. Her early education was obtained at the Cole District School. She was thirteen when she moved to Canada with her parents.

In 1837 she married George Fox. Mr. and Mrs. Fox located at Norwich, Oxford County, Upper Canada. In addition to his educational work, he engaged in farming during their residence in the Dominion. In October, 1847, Mr. and Mrs.Fox and their four sons came to Wisconsin, locating in Hubbard Township, which adjoins the present village of Woodland.

Mrs. Fox was in frail health and had made the long journey with her four months old babe. The greater part of the way she was confined to a berth, and in changing trains she was carried on a cot.

Her parents gave her and her husband forty acres of land each, on which a log house was erected. After the death of Mr. Fox in the spring of the following year, a frame house was built in the village. Mrs. Fox was widowed when thirty-three. She lived the years that followed for her sons and their children.

The compiler of this sketch is the great niece of Mrs. Fox, and among my early recollections of girlhood days, Aunt Polly stands foremost. She enjoyed having young people around her. Her cheerful disposition and unbounded hospitality were an unspeakable part of her. We, the survivors of the early days, hold her in loving affection.

She sold the home and adjoining land in 1869 and moved to Spring Lake Township, Pierce County, Wisconsin, to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Keyser. In 1870 she bought a farm near the Keyser homestead. Two of the younger sons made their home with her at times until they married.

She visited at the homes of her sons until the death of Oscar's wife in 1885, and then she remained with him until his remarriage in 1888. Her next place of residence was with a son, A. D. Fox, who lived in Pomeroy, Washington; but she later returned to the home of Oscar G. at Menomonee, Wisconsin.

In the fall of 1892 she went west with Horace D. and lived with him most of the time. She was with this son when she died April 16, 1898, at Tacoma, Washington, at the age of seventy-nine. Her remains were taken to Pomeroy, Washington, and buried in the City Cemetery. She was predeceased by her husband forty-nine years.

Mr. Fox was the first Notary Public in the District. He was a man of strong personality and of high standing in the community. In his public life he was faithful and just, broadminded, deliberate and careful

in his judgment, and his advice was sought in business matters in the town and adjoining townships. Mr. Fox and Adam Keyser were appointed by their father-in-law, Benjamin Cole, his attorneys to conduct and manage his business, and after his death to be administrators of the estate.

There were well-founded rumors that he would be nominated for Governor on the Democratic ticket. When asked by a friend whether he would accept a nomination, he answered, "No, I would not." "Why not, George," "It would be too strenuous a life, and a responsibility for which I am not fitted. I prefer the quiet of home and my family, rather than the rush and turmoil of a political and public life."

On the completion of the Milwaukee and LaCrosse Railroad through Woodland, Mr. Fox was appointed Station Master. August 22, 1857, the village was swept by a cyclone. The station, standing in the path of the storm, was lifted from its foundation and parts of it carried for miles, then dropped here and there. The storm came at the dinner hour, six o'clock, and the streets were deserted. Mr. Fox and Sylvester Cole, his wife's brother, were in the station and noticed the sudden darkening of the sky. Mr. Cole opened the door and was out on the platform when he was lifted and carried across the street and thrown against the hotel building. He supposed that Mr. Fox left the office when he did and was locking the door when he was caught. It will never be known whether Mr. Fox had left the station or had gone into the warehouse to bar the doors.

His body was found in the rear of where the station had been. He was alive, but unconscious. The back of his head had a wide deep gash from which the brains had oozed out and lay under his neck. His chest and both arms were crushed. He was carried to what was left of the hotel opposite the station, and he died at four o'clock Friday morning, August 23, 1857, at the age of fifty-seven years, three months, and twenty-two days. He was survived by his wife and five sons. Burial was in the Cole Cemetery.

The funeral was held Sunday, the 25th of August, 1857, on the Cole School grounds, adjoining the cemetery. It was attended by a large concourse of relatives, friends, acquaintances, and strangers from many parts of the state, who came to pay tribute to the man who had served all in many ways. The funeral procession was the largest ever witnessed in the county, being fully two miles long and including every kind of horse-drawn vehicle—buggies, surreys, and farm wagons and men on horseback. Men, women, and children were even walking in line.

BIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE FOX

George Fox was the grandson of Daniel and Elizabeth (Gates) Fox, and was born in England in 1722, married in 1742, and died in 1801.

George, born April 1, 1812, near Watertown, New York, was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Fox. His father was a farmer of moderate means, and his mother was one of the highest type of New England

gentlewomen. The home atmosphere was well calculated to bring out and foster all that was strongest and finest in his nature.

Mr. Fox obtained an excellent practical education at the rural and public schools of Watertown, New York. In early youth he taught in the common schools seven months of the school year, and helped his father about the farm during the summer.

At nineteen, he married Betsy Cole, a charming girl and childhood friend. Mrs. Fox died the third year of their marriage, survived by her husband and two sons. In 1835 Mr. Fox moved to Canada, and in 1837 he married Polly Cole, the sister of his deceased wife. He located at Norwich, Canada, and engaged in farming and educational work. He resided here twelve years. In the fall of 1847, he, with his family, came to Dodge County, Wisconsin Territory, and he farmed for a few years in Hubbard Township. In 1854 he was elected a member of the Assembly; the following record of service is copied from the original paper:

COPY OF RECORD

"George Fox, assemblyman, elected from Herman Township, Dodge County, Wisconsin Senate District, Twenty-two. Age forty-two; place of nativity, New York. Occupation, farmer. Years in the State, six."

Children of George and Polly Fox:

1. Jarius Rich, born in Canada.
2. Charlotte, born in Canada.
3. Almerion Deloss, born in Canada.
4. Oscar George, born in Wisconsin.
5. Horace Duane, born in Wisconsin.

1. Jarius Rich (George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[4], John[2], John[1]) was born at Norwich, Oxford County, Canada in December, 1837. He acquired his early education here. In 1848 the family moved to Wisconsin and established their home on a farm adjoining Woodland village. Jarius was a lad of eleven and may have attended the Cole School in the Cole settlement.

At the age of twenty, he married Emily Whitcomb. At that time, Mr. Fox and two brothers were conducting a railroad eating house in Woodland village. The building and contents were destroyed by the cyclone of August 22, 1857. Soon thereafter he contracted with the Chicago, St. Paul and Omaha Railroad to build a road from Tomah to the next town.

Mr. Fox was living in Owatoma, Minnesota, in 1874, and two years later he moved to Twin Lakes, Minnesota. In 1882 he located at Sydney, Manitoba, Canada, as station agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad. He retired in 1884 and settled in Burnside, same province, Canada. He conducted a grocery and general store here until 1910, when he sold the business and other property, preparatory to leaving

Burnside and making his home with a son at Stettler, Alberta, Canada. He was pensioned in 1905.

His fund of quaint humor made him an entertaining and delightful host, and a general favorite with old and young. September 11, 1911, Mr. Fox had entertained friends and apparently was in excellent health and spirit. He retired soon after the guests departed, and was found by his daughter the following morning, partly dressed, sitting in his favorite chair as if quietly sleeping. He had made the crossing and entered the land beyond.

Mr. Fox died of heart failure at seventy-four and was buried at Burnside, Canada.

Mrs. Fox died of cancer in 1906, as she was about to leave the LaSalle, Illinois, hospital, from which she had been dismissed as cured by the specialist. She was taken to Portage, LaPrairie, for burial. Mrs. Fox was a wife and mother loved and appreciated in the home, where she attained the highest honors.

Children:

1. Florence
2. Roy
3. Arthur
4. Mae

1. Florence Mabel (Jarius[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]) was born May 19, 1861, at Tomah, Wisconsin. April 27, 1883, at the home of her parents in Sydney, Canada, she married Lynn S. Carruth, born October 6, 1860, at Plarsalie, New York.

Mr. Carruth was station agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad at Park River, North Dakota, for several years. Mrs. Carruth was a woman of rare business ability and she was an able assistant in the station office. Her cheerful kindness endeared her to all in the different walks of life. Owing to her failing health, they went to San Francisco, California, where she passed away April 26, 1903, of tuberculosis. Interment was at Park River Falls, North Dakota.

Children:

1. Vivian (Lynn[8], Jarius[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Lairmore, North Dakota, March 17, 1890; died at Park River, March 17, 1891, and interred at Park River, North Dakota.

2. Vivian Duane, born at Park River, North Dakota, December 30, 1891. He went to San Francisco with his parents and never returned to his former home.

Mr. Carruth writes fondly of his mother (called when he was twelve), "There never was a sweeter mother than mine."

June 3, 1917, he married Miss Alice Zentner (or Zentuer) at Woodland, California. They were living at Esparto prior to their marriage; present residence, San Leandro, California.

2. Roy, born March 31, 1874, at Owatoma, Minnesota. At an early age he obtained a responsible position as operator in the

yard office at Winnipeg, Canada. He was later appointed agent at Bagot, which he held for many years. He had a similar position at Pilot Mound, same province, for a short time, which he left to enter the service of the Canadian Northern Railway. Eventually he engaged in local and long distance phone business at Warroad, Minnesota.

In December, 1925, while inspecting the line, he died of heart failure as he sat in his car. He was sincerely mourned by many personal friends in the community. Mr. Fox enjoyed a successful career, honestly achieved.

Mr. Fox married Gertrude Hyde, of Burnside, Manitoba province. She was a clever and capable woman, and a helpful assistant in the line of work in which he was engaged.

Children:

1. Cecil Clair (Roy[8], Jarius[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Warroad, Minnesota, November 19, 1904. In 1925 he entered the University of Minnesota and is taking a course in Civil Engineering.

2. Lorn Douglas, born in Winnipeg, Canada, September 23, 1907.

3. Evelyn Ruth, born May 18, 1910, at Warroad.

3. Arthur, son of Jarius and Emma Fox, born March 26, 1876, at Twin Lakes, Minnesota. He was seven when he went to Sydney, Canada, with his parents. Arthur was sixteen when he began to fend for himself, and his first position was at Rapid City, Minnesota, as station agent. He has held similar positions in practically all of the towns in Manitoba province. In 1905 he was appointed local freight agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad at Stettler, Alberta, Canada. He arrived on the first train that went through, and opened his station in a freight car; later a portable building was erected. Owing to the increased freight traffic, it became necessary in 1925 to enlarge and remodel the building, and it was furnished with every needful convenience. Stettler has a population of 2,000, Mr. Fox has grown up with the town and has become an old-timer.

His wife, Tillie Fox, of Burnside, is a business woman and enjoys a busy life. She owned and operated a moving picture house for several years. She has served six years as alderman in her home town, and she is also past president of the Rebecca Assembly for Alberta province. Mrs. Fox has not missed an annual Rebecca meeting in twelve years.

Children:

1. Clifford (Arthur[8], Jarius[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born in 1901, in Canada. He was in business in Detroit for a time; present place of residence, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

2. Florence, born in 1910, at Stettler, Alberta, Canada.

3. Delmar, born in 1912, at Stettler, Alberta, Canada.

4. Mae, daughter of Jarius and Emily Fox, born March 26, 1894. Since the death of her father, she has made her home with a brother in Warroad, Minnesota. Miss Mae is a woman of strong personality and geniality of temperament. Unmarried.

3. Almerion Deloss, born June 26, 1847, at Norwich, Oxford, Canada. A babe of four months, he came to Wisconsin with his parents in the fall of 1848. They lived in Hubbard Township before Woodland was established in the township. Almerion was ten when his father was killed. Being the oldest boy at home, he did light work about the farm and attended school eight months of the year until 1861.

Mr. Fox and his two younger brothers were exceptionally fine violinists, and in their early youth, the Fox brothers' string band furnished the music for all festive occasions in their home and adjoining towns.

In 1862 he entered the service of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, running between Berlin and Portage, Wisconsin. Later he served with the Oregon Railway in Washington, and he continued in that line of work until 1895.

In June, 1868, at Burnett, Wisconsin, he married Almedia Nims, a native of New York. He moved to Pomeroy, Washington, in 1898, and opened a photograph gallery. Some time after that he left the management of the business to his son and moved to Linville Gulch, where he settled on a farm. Four years later he returned to Pomeroy. Mrs. Fox died April 1, 1919, and was buried in the City Cemetery.

Mr. Fox had been in poor health for several months, the greater part of which time he had been with his son, and he died Tuesday, February 2, 1925, at the age of seventy-eight. Mr. Fox had been a Mason since early manhood, and services were conducted by the local Masonic Order in the Vassar Chapel, February 4th, with interment in the City Cemetery.

Children:

1. Dennis (Almerion[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born March 9, 1871, at Spring Lake, Wisconsin; died at Pomeroy, Washington, May 1, 1903. He had passed his twentieth year.

2. Jarius Almerion, born March 28, 1876, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He served six years with the 4th U. S. Cavalry, from November 12, 1894 to November 15, 1900. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War and saw service during the Philippines' insurrection. He played with the army band six years. Married Teresa Rubeness, of Portland, Oregon, November 6, 1880. Without issue.

4. Oscar George Fox, born January 21, 1851, at Woodland, Dodge County, Wisconsin. Oscar attended the public school and received all the educational advantages that he was disposed to avail

himself of. He moved from Woodland in 1869, and settled in Spring Lake Township.

He served with the Omaha and Northwestern Railroad for forty years, and was promoted from freight brakeman to passenger conductor.

In 1871 he married Susan Pamilia McLean, born February 7, 1855, daughter of George and Cordelia (Hays) McLean. Mr. Fox lived at Eau Claire from 1874 to 1877, returned to Spring Lake in 1877, and moved to Menomonie in 1881, where the family lived until 1905.

Mrs. Fox died March 25, 1885, at Menomonie and was buried in Rock Elm Cemetery, Wisconsin.

In 1889 Mr. Fox married Madeline Stone at Menomonie, Wisconsin. She was born in Switzerland. Mrs. Fox has been a business woman in Stillwater, Minnesota since 1905, and has shown much ability in her line of work.

Because of his failing health, Mr. Fox retired in 1905, and receives a monthly pension.

Children:

1. Lottie Estella 2. Florence Elenor 3. Horace Almerion

1. Lottie Estella (Oscar[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), was born at Spring Lake, Pierce County, Wisconsin, April 11, 1873. She married Robert Short, August 10, 1892, at Menomonie, Wisconsin. He was born September 16, 1863, at Richfield, Connecticut, son of Charles and Laura (Kellog) Short. Lottie and her husband traveled the greater part of the first year of their marriage. In July, 1893, they located at Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1902 they moved to Fostorid, Ohio. Mr. Short died April 3, 1909 at the above mentioned place. He was an expert electrician, also an inventor of various useful articles.

Mrs. Short moved to Chicago. She had six children, and two sons and a daughter have passed away since her widowhood. Mrs. Short is a woman of rare strength of character, one that meets the vicissitudes of life with indomitable courage. The family are all members of the Episcopalian Church.

Children:

1. Charles Conrad (Robert[8], Oscar[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born August 29, 1893, at Cleveland, Ohio. The following account of his untimely death is copied from the Chicago Daily News of May 3, 1915:

> "Charles Conrad, son of Robert and Charlotte (Fox) Short, a wireless operator on the Steamer Gulflight and one of the three victims who lost their lives when the boat was torpedoed off the Sicily Islands May 1, 1915, by a German submarine. The report has stirred Washington, and immediate steps will be taken to investigate."

Mrs. Short, mother of Charles, when interviewed, told of his career. He had served with the army in the Philippines, and had studied wireless telegraphy. He left home March 9 to take a position as an operator with the Gulf Refining Company, owners of the Gulflight. He went abroad the steamer at New Orleans, April 7; this was his first trip. Charles had worked as a wireless operator on the Great Lakes during the seasons of 1910-1911. He was unusually gifted in his line of work and was said to be an expert, with a promising future before him.

Charles' untimely death brought sorrow to the family and a host of warm friends and acquaintances. Unmarried.

2. Florence Minnie, born June 28, 1895, at Cleveland, Ohio. Present residence, Chicago, Illinois.

3. Robert Almerion, born August 30, 1897, at Cleveland, Ohio; died at Chicago, Illinois, May 26, 1916; buried, Mt. Hope, Chicago, Illinois. Unmarried.

4. Phyllis Lyle, born April 13, 1900, at Cleveland, Ohio. July 31, 1920 she married Harry A. Fletcher at Chicago, Illinois. She passed away April 4, 1925, of pneumonia at Chicago; interment, Mt. Hope.

5. Bertha Louise, born April 5, 1903, at Fostorid, Ohio; August 4, 1923 married Frank Siegler, of Chicago, Illinois. Their child died in infancy.

6. Fred William, born at Fostorid, Ohio, October 19, 1907. He is a graduate of Parker High School, Chicago, class of 1924.

NOTE: Mrs. Short's children obtained their education in the public schools of the cities in which they lived. Religion of the family, Episcopalian.

2. Florence Elenor, born October 9, 1875, at Spring Lake, Wisconsin. She moved about with her parents and lived in the towns mentioned in the records of Oscar and Susan Fox, the last place of residence prior to her marriage being Menomonie, Wisconsin, where she completed her education. She married Clarence Massee, born May 7, 1876, son of Rev. William and Laura (Davenport) Massee. He was born and raised in Dunn County on the home farm, which he has helped to develop.

He has resided in Wisconsin all of his life except one year, when he lived in Hood River, Oregon. In 1912 he purchased the Oscar Massee Shady Lawn stock farm and now has a large herd of pure Holstein cattle. Mr. Massee is counted as one of the leading dairy men and progressive farmers of the county. He is a strong advocate for what he believes to be the right and for the best interests of the community.

The family have a wonderful collection of old china that dates back to 1798-9, imported from England by Mrs. Massee's ancestors. They have a sampler, the work of Mr. Massee's grandmother, who was a native of England. She designed and embroidered the sampler before her fourteenth year.

The foundation is of very fine silk, much the same as that used in flour mills for sifting the finest grades of flour. Colored wool yarn was used in forming the background at the left in loop stitches; also to the right, where shadowy mountains are shown. Christ is seen standing, wearing a robe embroidered with colored silk, and back of Him is a mother, with a little child, touching the hem of His robe. A young man with crutches is kneeling at His feet. Christ has rested His right hand upon the head of the cripple and touches the lips with His left hand. The fifth figure is a blind man. The faces, hands and limbs are painted.

The sampler was completed one hundred and nineteen years ago, and will be passed on to descendants of the Massee family so long as one of the line remains. The size of the sampler is sixteen and one-half by twenty-one inches. It is a marvelous piece of work, and a priceless heirloom to be handed down by successive generations.

Other valuable articles owned by the family include a Mohammedan prayer rug of ancient date, and a genuine Turkish Oriental rug.

Before the close of the Civil War, or soon after, a soldier, who claimed to be a deserter from the army, appeared at Louisville, Wisconsin, and asked for a night's lodging and food. He came to a log cabin—the first home of Theodore Louis, the first white settler in that section of Wisconsin. (When a town was established, it was named for Mr. Louis.) Before leaving, the soldier sketched the cabin, barns, sheds, stacks and trees, all enclosed by a rough log fence, with two gates, one open and one closed. He left the sketch in payment of his one night's shelter and meals, although no charge was made.

An exact reproduction of this sketch was done in watercolors for Mrs. Martha (Massee) Louis; the size of the painting is thirteen by six inches. It is a charming scene of pioneer days.

The writer enjoyed a week's stay at the hospitable home of the Massees in 1926.

Child:

1. Margaret L. (Clarence[8], Oscar[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Louisville, Wisconsin, August 3, 1904. She was graduated from the eighth grade of the Louisville District School in June, 1917, and from the Menomonie, Wisconsin, High School in June, 1920. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree at Stout Institute, Menomonie, in 1925.

Margaret entered St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth, Minnesota, for postgraduate work and was awarded a diploma, May 11, 1926. She became head dietician, and after serving less than a month, accepted a position with the Milliard Fillmore Hospital, 875 LaFayette Ave., Buffalo, New York. In September, 1927, Miss Massee was offered a position as head dietician in the Jackson Hospital at Miami, Florida, to begin October 1, 1927.

She has one of the characteristics of her forefathers— the

belief that there are no really unsurmountable walls nor impassable barriers to prevent he who wills from working the way to a position of responsibility and prominence in the business world.

3. Almerion Horace Fox, born April 1, 1879, at Olivet, Spring Lake Township, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of Menomonie High School, class of 1895, and he finished the agricultural course at the University of Wisconsin in 1901. He trained and raced horses in Minnesota; he was secretary and treasurer of the Rum River Lumber Company, Anoka, Minnesota, until 1910; manager of a lumber yard at Webb, Saskatoon, Canada, from 1910 to 1914; farmed at Melvin, Minnesota, from 1915 to 1917; manager of a lumber yard at Barnstal, North Dakota, from 1917 to 1918; manager of a lumber yard at Verwood, Saskatoon, Canada, from 1919 to 1924. The last place of employment of which I have definite information is in a lumber yard at Wimbleton, North Dakota.

April 1, 1905, he married Martha Irene Hatcher, of Anoka, born February 9, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, the daughter of Albert T. (born in England), and Marian E. (Berry) Hatcher (born at Brooklyn Center, Minnesota).

Children:

1. Almerion Tom (Almerion[8], Oscar[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born at Superior, Wisconsin, September 12, 1907.
2. Horace Clarence, born at Anoka, September 30, 1908.
3. George Lome, born at Webb, Saskatoon, Canada, April 21, 1911; he is living with his aunt, Mrs. Massec.
4. Florence Irene, born at Webb, Canada, July 24, 1913.
5. Marian Vera, born at Anoka, Minnesota, August 27, 1915.

The younger children are attending school at Stillwater.

5. Horace Duane, son of George and Polly (Cole) Fox, was born at Woodland, Wisconsin, August 9, 1854. He attended the public school in his home town. In 1869 he moved to Spring Lake, Wisconsin, with his mother. The same year he entered the employ of the Omaha and Northwestern Railroad, running between Hudson and Eau Claire. He continued in railroad service from 1869 to 1890, with the exception of two years from 1890 to 1892.

He served in the State of Washington until 1898. Owing to poor health, he was forced to retire from active service at the age of forty-seven. During his railroad career, he made frequent changes of residence —Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Mason City, Iowa; Running Water and Scotland, South Dakota; Tacoma and Spokane, Washington. He is at present living in Spokane.

He married Emma M. Preston, a native of Wisconsin, July 4, 1873. Of their family of seven, but two are living, Mrs. Thexton, and Mrs. Wetsel, with whom the mother makes her home.

NOTE: Mrs. Emma Fox died June 23, 1928, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wetsel, Spokane, Wash., and was interred in Riverside Park beside her two sons, Horace Preston and Frank Edward.

Children:

1. James Almerion (Horace[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born August 4, 1875, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin; died August 25, 1875.

2. Chester Oscar, born November 26, 1876; died November 29, 1876.

The brothers were born at Eau Claire and buried in Pierce County.

3. Minnie Arminta, born May 3, 1878, at Spring Lake, Wisconsin; married John C. Fenn August 6, 1896, and was granted a divorce the same year. She married Ed. J. Snow in 1907 (deceased). In 1919, she married Ray D. Wetsel at Spokane, Washington. He conducts a grocery and farm produce business.

Mrs. Wetsel is caring for her parents in their declining years. Her mother has heart trouble and her father has been disabled for many years due to hardening of the arteries.

4. Polly Ermina, born May 28, 1880, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin; died January 11, 1883, buried at Mason City, Iowa.

5. Chester George, born December 31, 1883, at Mason City, Iowa; February 1, 1905, married Harriet Stenson.

Children:

1. Bernadeen Lois (Chester[8], Horace[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John [2], John[1]), born June 24, 1906; married Laurence Miller, June, 1923. Their son was born January 15, 1925. Place of residence, Venice, California.

2. Dorothy Lenora, born November 12, 1908.

Chester George married, secondly, Minnie Henyon in July, 1915. He died at Spokane, Washington, November 7, 1915, and was buried in the City Cemetery. They had one child, born December, 1915, who was named after his father. He is living at Los Angeles, California.

6. Frank Edward, born October 3, 1889, at Running Water, South Dakota; married Sylvia M. Bell, September 25, 1916. Mr. Fox died November 7, 1918 at Spokane, Washington, and was interred beside his brother.

Child:

1. Raymon Edward (Edward[8], Horace[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born June 3, 1917. Place of residence (1928), Spokane, Washington.

7. Rose Leneta, born at Scotland, South Dakota, January 3, 1892; married Stanley Thexton, (born 1889), June 2, 1909.

Children:

1. Roy Irwin (Stanley[8], Horace[7], George[6], Benjamin[5], Benjamin[4], Sylvester[3], John[2], John[1]), born July 18, 1910.

2. Rexall Edward, born February 22, 1913.

3. William, born March 7, 1915.

4. Philip Arthur, born March 17, 1917.

5. Ralph Ray, born January 1, 1920.
6. Arlys Bernadetta, born July 30, 1922.
7. Emma Ruth, born May 19, 1925.

The Thextons live twenty-four miles from Spokane. Occupation, farmer.

8. Horace Preston, born February 23, 1894 at Tekoa, Washington; married Nell Holden in 1915. He died October 21, 1915, at Portland, Oregon, at the age of twenty-four years, and his remains were brought to Spokane and buried in the City Cemetery.

Appendix "A"

HISTORY OF JOHN CHRISTIAN SCHELL

Who was the great-great grandfather of the writer

What follows I have heard from my grandfather, Adam Keyser, born in Herkimer Co., N. Y., in 1805, son of Barbara (Schell) Keyser, daughter of John Christian and Maria Schell. Mrs. Keyser was born in 1772 at "Schell's Bush," Tyron Co., N. Y.

The history compiled by Wm. L. Stone, "Life of Joseph Brant," gives an account of the historically famous battle at "Schell's Bush" in volume II, pp. 164-167, chapter 5. Nathaniel S. Benton's "History of Herkimer County," pp. 93-96, and Christian Dennison's "Researches After the Descendants of John Christian Schell," corroborates what the descendants of Adam Keyser have been told and retold since early childhood.

JOHN CHRISTIAN SCHELL

Born in 1725-1730 in the City of Baden-Baden, on the Rhine, in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, emigrated with a brother to the Colonies in early manhood. They landed at Goshen (now Philadelphia), Pa. From there they went to New York and settled four miles north of Herkimer Village, Tyron Co. The settlement was called "Schell's Bush," in honor of the first settlers.

John Christian Schell was a man of ample means. He bought a large acreage of arable land and built a strong blockhouse of hewn timber. This was especially well constructed to provide defence against invading parties of Tories and Indians.

He married, in 1755, Maria _____, born the year 1735 in the Mohawk Valley, Herkimer Co., N. Y. Their children were all born at "Schell's Bush:" Denis, in 1756; John Christian, 1759; Fredrick, 1762; Eve, 1765; Mary Catherine, 1768; Barbara, 1772-3; Henry and Mark (twins), October 7, 1770.

In the summer of 1781, the massacres and incendiary acts, instigated by the Loyalists and executed by the Tories and Indians, became so numerous that most of the inhabitants of "Schell's Bush" went to Fort Dayton. Mr. Schell trusted in the safety of his fort and remained there with his family, tending to the work about the farm. His son, Christian, had enlisted in the American Army, and the only assistance upon which he could rely was that of his sons Denis and Fredrick. Henry and Mark were too young to be depended upon in case of attack.

The fort was well calculated for defence. The first story had no

windows, but had small loopholes through which they could fire upon any one who ventured near. The only opening was protected by a massive door. The floor of the second story projected over the lower part of the building, about three feet and was so constructed that the besieged could fire upon or throw missiles at the heads of the foe. Schell had a good supply of arms and ammunition to withstand an ordinary siege.

On August 6, 1781, at two o'clock in the afternoon, McDonald, a Scotch renegade, and sixty-six Tories and Indians lay in ambush near Schell's farm, waiting for a favorable opportunity to attack. Schell and two of his sons were working in the field when they saw McDonald and his followers running towards the fort. Schell and the boys reached the house five minutes ahead of them and barricaded the door. The twins, who were only eight years old, had gone to the corn-crib in the field to get a corn fan. They were captured and taken to Canada.

McDonald tried to set fire to the buildings but failed. He then attempted to force the door with a crowbar and was wounded by Schell. Schell quickly opened the door and drew him inside. McDonald's capture not only saved the buildings from being burned, but afforded an ample supply of ammunition to save Schell's life. During the fray, Mrs. Schell loaded the guns as soon as discharged.

The enemy made a desperate effort to capture the fortress and rescue their leader. Rushing up the walls, they thrust the muzzles of their guns through the loopholes. Mrs. Schell seized an ax and with quick, well directed blows, ruined every musket by bending the barrels. This, followed by several accurate shots, compelled the assailants to withdraw beyond the reach of their guns.

At twilight, Schell ran up to the second floor and called to his wife that Captain Small and soldiers from the fort were coming. To deceive the enemy he called louder, "Captain Small, march your company around to this side of the house. Captain Getman, you had better wheel your men off to the left and come up on that side." There were no troops coming, but Schell's directions were given with such precision and such apparent earnestness, that his stratagem succeeded and the besiegers fled to the woods, taking with them Schell's two little sons as prisoners.

The wounded McDonald was left with food and given possession of the stronghold that he had so desperately endeavored to capture. Schell then set out for Fort Dayton. A few of the Indians lingered near the premises to learn what had become of their leader. Finding their way clear, they entered the fort, where they found McDonald too weak to be taken away. They left word for Schell that if he would be kind to their leader, they would see that the captive boys received good care.

The next day Captain Small removed McDonald to the fort. His wounded leg was amputated, but on account of the great loss of blood, he died in a few hours.

In 1782 Schell and two of his sons were in the field near his block-house when they were fired upon by a party of Indians concealed in a field of standing wheat. He called the attention of the boys to a wavering

line that appeared to be creeping through the grain. A few minutes later two Indians rose to their feet and fired. Mr. Schell and Denis were fatally wounded, and Fredrick received a shot in the thigh which caused him to be lame for the rest of his life.

"Boys," Schell said, "don't let them scalp me." Although badly wounded, they remained with him until help came from the fort. He was removed to the fort and died three days later. Denis died on the ninth day.

The Schells were so reduced in numbers that they were unable to hold the fort against the repeated attacks of the enemy and therefore they remained at Fort Dayton. A short time later the Tories and Indians set fire to Schell's fort, after robbing it of rare books and papers and also the infamous McDonald silver-mounted tomahawk taken from him by Schell. It was marked with thirty scalp notches, showing that few Indians could have been more industrious in collecting that type of military trophy.

The following are excerpts from Rev. Christian Dennison's "Researches After the Descendants of John Christian and John Schell:"

> "The Schell family had done their share to support the cause of American Independence. Before the war, the people of Tyron County had clamored "to be free or die." Many had given their lives to bring freedom to the nation. The Schell family suffered for their patriotism and loyalty to the country of their adoption. The oldest child and namesake of John Christian Schell had filled an honorable place as a soldier in the American Army for years. A daughter was caught at some distance from the house and scalped by Indians; when she regained consciousness, she returned to the house. She afterward married. In 1882, Schell and a son were killed and another son was lamed for life.

Henry and Mark, twins, were ten when captured in 1781 and taken to Canada and left with the Indians, who later sold them to the Tories for a sum. They were so badly treated that they returned to the Indians. They were told that they were the only members of the Schell family living. They became quite at home with the tribe, learned their language and adopted many of their customs. Eventually they were taken under the supervision of Captain Laws, an officer in the British Army. In 1789-90 they were allowed to return to the home of their birth.

NOTE: The boys stated that nine of the twelve wounded died before they reached Canada. Eleven were killed and six wounded by the Schells in the attack by the McDonald raiders.

Appendix "B"

From: Wm. W. Campbell's *Annals of Tryon County*, 1831, p. 71,

CHRISTIAN SCHELL

A story, a story,
Unto you I will tell,
Concerning a brave hero,
One Christian Schell.

Who was attacked by the savages,
And tories, as is said,
But for this attack
Most dearly they paid.

The sixth day of August,
He went to his field,
Determined if the enemy
Came, never to yield.

Two sons he had along with him,
Resolved were the same.
About the middle of the afternoon,
These invaders, they came.

He fled unto his block-house,
For to save his life,
Where he had left his arms
In the care of his wife.

The enemy took prisoners,
Two sons that were twins,
About eight years of age,
Soon the battle it begins.

They advanced upon him,
And began to fire,
But Christian with his blunderbuss,
Soon made them retire.

He wounded Donald McDonald,
And drew him in the door,
Who gave an account
There was strength sixty-four.

They fought from two in the afternoon
Until the closing of the light,
Schell's son was slightly wounded
Before that it was night.

The old woman she has spoiled
Five guns, as I have since been told,
With nothing but a chopping axe,
Which shows that she was bold.

Six there was wounded,
And eleven there was killed,
Of this said party,
Before they quit the field.

The Indians were forty-eight,
And tories full sixteen,
By old Schell and his two sons,
Oh, the like was never seen.

Not like to get assistance,
Nor anybody's help,
They thought for to affright him
By setting up their Yelp.

But God was his assistant,
His buckler and his shield,
He dispersed this cruel enemy,
And made them quit the field.

Come all you Tryon County men,
And never be dismayed,
But trust in the Lord,
And He will be your aid.

Trust in the Lord with all your might
And call upon His name,
And He will help you as He did Schell
To His immortal fame.

NOTE: This ballad, originally written in German, was translated into English by Professor Bokum, of Harvard University.

BIOGRAPHY OF JEREMIAH FRASER,

A Descendant of the Frasers of Lovat,

Inverness-shire, Scotland.

The father of Jeremiah was Simon, son of David, who was the son of Reverend James Fraser of Brae. Family traditions affirm that Simon, accompanied by two young men, sons of Cadet families of the Clan Frasers of Lovat, one an officer in Her Majesty's service in India, Simon and the third party, came to the Colonies before the revolt of the thirteen Colonies against Great Britain. The officer remained in Canada for several years and eventually returned to India. The name of the third I have heard, yet unable to recall. It is known that he went to Ohio and married. A descendant of Simon met a great-granddaughter of the Fraser that settled in Ohio when traveling in Wisconsin in 1889. In giving the history of her ancestors and descendants, Mr. Fraser found that it confirmed the traditional history of Simon that had been handed down by word of mouth by father to son for eight successive generations.

Simon married the daughter of natives of Scotland. They, it is said, came to the Colonies before Simon and remained loyal subjects of their mother country. Mr. Fraser was living at Scotch Plains, N. J., where two sons were born—Simon, believed to have been born in 1760 and the second, christened Jeremiah Collin, said to have been the namesake of his grandfathers, was born January 20, 1763. The mother died when the sons were 12 and 11 years old. Jeremiah attended the school at his home town until 1775 when he enlisted in the New Jersey militia for one year. He was only twelve years old. Provisions had been made against the enlistment of boys under sixteen. However, his youth was not suspected at the time on account of his size and appearance. He was strong and measured nearly five feet. I have from the Department of the Interior Bureau of Pensions the record of his service received October 10, 1902:

> "Jeremiah Fraser, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Date of enlistment, 1775. Length of service, one year. Rank, Private. Captain, David Palmer. Colonel, Holmes. State, New Jersey. Battle engaged in, Siege of St. John, New Brunswick. Discharged December, 1775 and enlisted a few days later." Copy of his second enlistment received September 28, 1923 from Department of the Interior Bureau, Washington, D. C. "Date of enlistment January, 1776 to close of war in the New York line.

Rank, Private. Captain, John Graham. Colonel, Goose Van Schaick. Battle engaged in, Monmouth, June 28, 1778. This regiment was quartered at Valley Forge the winters of 1777-78."

July 15, 1779. Colonel Willett and Colonel Goose Van Schaick made an expedition against the Onondago Indians, N. Y. Jeremiah and others of the younger soldiers, exhausted by the long march, left the ranks, crept into the woods, laid down upon the ground and fell asleep. A few hours later Jeremiah was awakened by three Indians. His arms were bound with strips of deer hide, and he was gagged. He was taken to Canada to the encampment of the tribe on the shore of Lake Champlain, the original country of the Iroquois Indians.

The encampment was a village of huts made of strong pliable saplings set in slanting double rows, bent and lashed together at the top and bound transversely, then covered with large sheets of bark overlapping like shingles of a roof and tied with cords of deer skin, a small opening being left at the top for light, and escape for smoke. Beds were sheets of bark spread on the ground and covered with untanned skins, thin garments fashioned from the tanned hides of fur bearing animals.

They lived by hunting and fishing. Jeremiah describes the Indians as well built, with tawny complexions, prominent cheek bones and of wonderful power of endurance.

While a prisoner he saw much of the primeval life of the dwellers in the wilderness. He learned their language, joined in their sports and became an expert in wood-craft that equalled the best of the tribe in threading the forest.

The second year of his captivity, he was adopted by the chief of the tribe as his son. He had saved the chief's granddaughter from the claws of a wild cat by snatching a gun from the hands of a boy and shooting the cat as it leaped from a tree and fell at the feet of the young squaw. He was loved by every one of the tribe and kindly treated. From the first week of his captivity he planned to get away. He was allowed to hunt and fish with the Indians, but closely guarded. He appeared to be satisfied and happy with the tribe. In the late spring of 1785 the younger Indians were skating. "The writer has been led to believe that they were skating on a river, from the fact that the channel was mid-way in the body of water." Jeremiah, knowing that it was open and filled with blocks of floating ice would skate at a safe distance from the edge, yet seeking the narrowest opening. The Indians had removed their skates and were about to return to the village. Jeremiah faced about as if to join them, when he turned and going at a tremendous speed, he leaped to the opposite side of the channel. He would say when relating the story of his escape, "I knew that I could out-skate, out-jump the best of them. When joining in their games, I played and let them win. I broke through the ice about three feet from the opening, pulled myself out and raced for the woods, took off my skates and threw them far out on the ice and shouted, 'Jump as I did, it's easy.' "

He had heard the Indians say that about ten miles from their village there was a small settlement of English people. He traveled until daylight in an opposite direction from their usual hunting grounds, and that afternoon came unexpectedly to the English settlement. The people there had heard of the white man who had lived with the Indians and was apparently happy with them. Jeremiah told them of his capture and escape and asked their help in getting out of Canada and back to the Colonies. They provided him with food and clothing and helped him get out of that section of the country. He may have wandered around Leeds County for some time before he came to Bastard Township in the Province of Ontario.

Prior to 1790, he married Nancy Day of Daytown, daughter of J. Day. The birth of a son in 1790 is given as taking place at Quibbins, (now Bastard). The nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser give their place of birth as Quibbins. The grandfather of the writer was William Day Fraser. At the age of fifteen years he served in the War of 1812. I have heard from my father, son of William D, that he was a fifer. His father was pressed into the British service and served with his son.

I have found in W. H. Leavett's history of Leeds and Greenville counties from 1749 to 1879, that Jeremiah Fraser was a grantee of 200 acres of land, concession 9, lot 14, August 10th, 1801 in South Crosby township.

Prior to 1832, Jeremiah left Canada and located at Morristown, N. Y. where he made application for pension. It was necessary for the writer of Jeremiah Fraser's Biography when making application for membership in the Daughters' of the American Revolution to prove my descent from one who had served in the Revolutionary War. The following military records are copied from official records and therefore authentic. I have given his service in N. J. and N. Y. regiments, his capture and escape.

"Department of the Interior
Bureau of Pensions.
Washington D. C.
October 10, 1902.

Jeremiah Fraser, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

Dates of enlistment:	Length of Service:	Rank:	Captain:
1775	1 year	Pvt.	David Palmer
Colonel:		State:	
Holmes		N. J.	

2nd enlistment in N. Y. Line: Date: 1775 to close of War, Rank: Pvt.

Captain: John Graham. Colonel: Goose Van Schaick. State: N. Y.

In 1779 he was taken prisoner, conveyed to Canada and there detained until close of war.

Battles engaged in: St. John and Monmouth.

Residence of soldier at enlistment: Scotch Plains, N. J.
Date of application for pension; September 25th, 1832.
Residence at date of application: Morristown, St. Lawrence county, N. Y.
Age at date of application: Born January 20, 1763 at Scotch Plains, N. J.
His claim allowed. He died August 16, 1847.

Very respectfully,

E. S. Ware, Commissioner."

Mrs. E. G. Briggs,
388 Junius Street,
Dallas, Texas.

"Jeremiah Fraser died at the age of 84 years, 7 months at Oswego, N. Y., and buried there. His wife died, February, 1846.

"Remarks: A second record from Pension Bureau gives the names of his children in line of birth: Collins J., William D., Daniel T., James F., Jerusha, Charlotte Chatterton, Polly Burch and Joseph F., B. March 13, 1803, D. at the age of one hundred years."

Jeremiah may have had brothers besides Simon and sisters. Owing to the destruction of the Capitol at Washington, D. C. in 1812 by the British, the first census of New Jersey, "1790" was destroyed. The year Simon located and names of his family were recorded in that census. In my research work pertaining to Jeremiah and ancestors, I wrote to the postmaster at Scotch Plains for record of Frasers as far back as the oldest native inhabitant had recollection. My letter was sent to a resident born at Scotch Plains, N. J. Her daughter, long past middle age, wrote as follows: "Mother is ninety years old (1903) and remembers hearing her grandfather tell about a Fraser, a Scotchman who lived near him. He spelled his name 'Fraser' ".

It is the universal spelling of the name in Scotland, as it is in every country in which the descendants live.

When Jeremiah enlisted, he was enrolled as Jeremiah Frazer. He gave the children permission to use the same form of spelling the name as his ancestors. Only one of the nine children used "z" instead of "s".

I received from the State of New Jersey, June 13th, 1923 the following letter in answer to my letter for information regarding Jeremiah Frazer:

"Office of the Adjutant General

"Jeremiah Frazer was a private in the N. J. Militia during the Revolutionary War. No additional data pertaining to this man has been found since the publication of the volume mentioned. Search has been made under all possible spelling of the name—Fraser, Frasher, Frasier, Frazier."

"The University of the State of New York
New York State Library,
Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. Eva F. Briggs,
810-10th Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

"The records of Jeremiah Frazer enlisted Dec. 3, 1776, in Captain John Graham's Company of the 1st regiment of the N. Y. Line commanded by Col. Goose Van Schaick. Jeremiah Frazer was captured July 23, 1779.

State Archives, Vol. I (Documents relating to the Colonial History of N. Y. Vol. 15) page 176.

"Jeremiah appears on a list of the dead of the several regiments and is listed as being balloted 500 acres, 18th of March, 1791, in Township 26 (Junius), lot No. 29, in military tract for services as private in Capt. John Graham's Company of the 1st regiment of the N. Y. Line (Col. Van Schaick); patent delivered to James Miller from William Scudder.

"Balloting Book, pp. 70, 160.

"The record which you have obtained from the Pension Bureau is much more full and seems to prove that the Private in Col. Van Schaick's regiment was the same as the Jeremiah Frazer who enlisted at Scotch Plains. The only explanation of the entry in the Balloting Book that suggests itself is that the soldier remained in Canada so long that his family thought him dead and so claimed the land.

Peter Nelson."

"The bounty land referred to in previous letter was located in Township 26, (Junius) of the military tract, lot No. 29. This lot is within the bounds of the present town of Junius in the county of Seneca and possibly deeds on record in the office of the County Clerk of Seneca County would give information as to previous owners of the property, but this does not seem likely to be a very valuable clue as far as Jeremiah Fraser is concerned. Seneca County was organized in 1804 and prior to that date the present town of Junius was successively parts of the counties of Cayuga, 1799, Onondago, 1794, Herkimer, 1791, and Montgomery.

Peter Nelson."

The life of Jeremiah Fraser as told to his grandson, the father of the writer, to his children, grand-and great-great-grandchildren, father never tired of telling or we of hearing.

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